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ABSTRACT

This publication contains raw data, presented in table form, on the status of state education legislation across the United States. The legislation pertains predominantly to education at the prekindergarten through grade 12 level. Data were collected from legislators, legislative staff, state newsletters, "StateNet," school board/teacher associations, and various media. Although some legislative initiatives were not enacted, they are included in the report because of their significance. Charts indicate the author of the legislation, how the legislation was initiated, and its outcome. The publication provides information for 78 types of programs, some of which include: accountability/accreditation, at-risk youth, curriculum, choice, discipline, education excellence, equity, finance, governance, immigrants, incentives, management, nonpublic schools, official English, privatization, restructured schools, religion, safety, school improvement, school-based management, standards, social issues, student aid, substance abuse, teacher certification and evaluation, technology, tuition, vocational education, vouchers, and work force preparation. (LMI)

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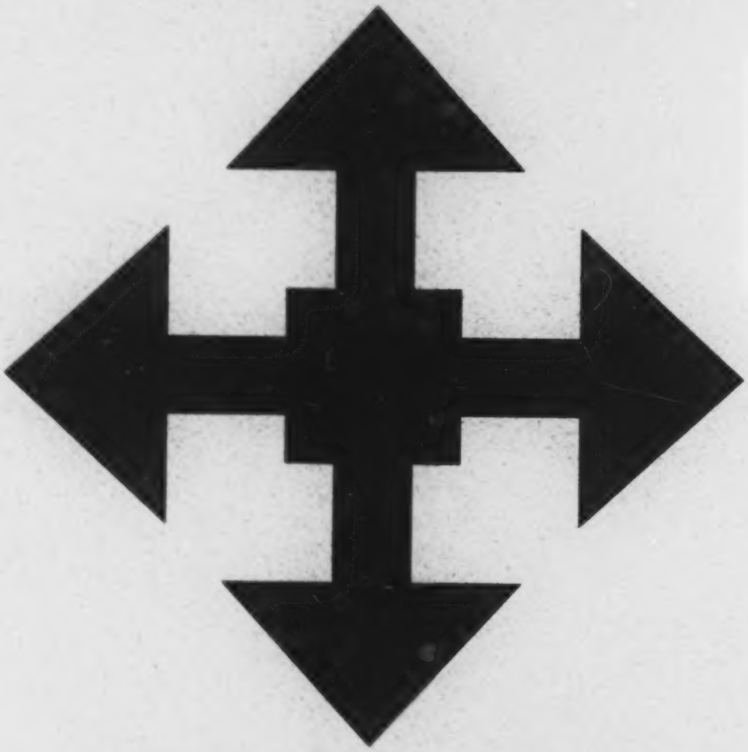

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INTRODUCTION

Most of the items in this *State Issues Report* cover the preK-12 level. They have been collected from legislators, legislative staff, state newsletters, *StateNet,* school board/teacher associations and various media. ECS staff have made every attempt to validate all information.

Essentially, the information in this report is raw data — rapidly processed to be released in printed form at the earliest possible date. Editing has been kept to a minimum; many items appear in form similar to the one in which they were received. Not all legislation listed here was enacted; some bills or programs were included because we considered them significant. A few older records were included to provide perspective about the importance/longevity of particular issues.

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Key:
Author: Indicates either the author of a legislative bill or the author of a bill summary.
Board Policy: Refers to measure passed by state education board.
Died: Not voted on by one or both houses of the legislature.
Enacted: Passed by the legislature and signed by the governor.
Killed: Voted down by one or both houses of legislature.
Legis./Code: Indicates legislation or state education statute.
Passed: Passed by both houses of the legislature but no governor signature, or approved by the state board.
Pending: Written as legislation or board policy but no final action taken.
Program: Indicates program under way or approved for state schools.
Proposed: Presented by governor, legislative body or other entity such as the State Board of Education.
Vetoed: Killed by governor.

State	Status	Summary
ACCOUNTABILITY/ACCREDITATION (also see ASSESSMENT/TESTING, DEREGULATION/WAIVERS and STANDARDS)		
AL	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Responds to findings that people of Alabama desire two basic things from their public schools — high student achievement and safe and orderly environment in which to learn. Legislation encourages State Board of Education to help local boards develop strong disciplinary policy and program to monitor student achievement. Also calls for state board to implement nationally normed test in grades 3-11 and to be in charge of development of total assessment program for student performance. In addition, law requires state board to develop courses of study to provide Alabama students with content and information needed to enter workforce, to compete nationally and internationally with other students, and/or to compete successfully at postsecondary level. Title: **Chapter 16-6B - Education Accountability Plan** Source: Statute
AZ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Directs Department of Education to survey parents to see if they are satisfied with public schools. Title: **SB 1379 - Parental Satisfaction With Public Schools** Author: Huppenthal Source: *StateNet*
DE	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Establishes process for publication of school profiles to give parents, students and taxpayers accurate and relevant information regarding public school system; requires Department of Public Instruction to gather necessary information through existing reports and repeals mandatory district reports required by Section 1050 of Title 14. Title: **SB 275 - Public School Accountability** Author: Sokola Source: *StateNet*
FL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Makes State Board of Education responsible for implementing system of school improvement and accountability and authorizes intervention in, and recommendations to, school districts with low-performing schools. Title: **HB 1009 - Accountability** Author: Chestnut Source: *StateNet*

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FL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Requires Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to contract with private firms to conduct performance and management reviews of school districts to identify ways to save funds, improve management strategies, and increase efficiency and effectiveness. Also limits reviews by amount of funds appropriated. Title: **SB 1044 - State Accountability** Author: Sullivan Source: *StateNet*
GA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 95	Requires State Board of Education to supervise comprehensive evaluation of each public school, local school system and regional education service agency at least once every five years. Evaluation will look at: (1) extent to which strategic plan has been effectively implemented; (2) extent to which state board-adopted core curriculum has been effectively implemented; (3) extent of compliance with state laws and state board policies, rules, regulations, standards and criteria; (4) effectiveness of education programs and services, including comparisons to comparable student bodies; (5) effectiveness of annual personnel evaluation and professional-development procedures and extent to which staff-development programs address deficiencies and other needs identified through these processes; (6) accuracy of student count procedures; (7) accuracy of fiscal procedures and expenditure of funds for purposes authorized by state laws and state board policy and regulations; (8) extent to which public awareness and information processes comply with state law and state board policies and regulations; and (9) other functions as necessary. Title: **HB 145, Article 6, Chapter 2, Title 20, Section 3 - State Grants to Local School Systems on Basis of Achievement** Author: Buckner Source: *StateNet*
HI	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Requires private schools to apply to Board of Independent Schools, which will be registered with Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Title: **SB 995 - Establishment and Supervision of Private Schools** Author: Ige Source: *StateNet*
HI	BOARD POLICY Active 3 96	Help schools and school system obtain sufficient information for making systematic improvements. Calls for Department of Education to develop and establish Comprehensive Assessment and Accountability System integrating information from statewide student assessment and staff, school- and system-level evaluations. Title: **Comprehensive Assessment and Accountability System** Source: Board of Education
ID	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Repeals law requiring school accountability report cards and makes reports optional. Title: **SB 1291 and 1292 - Accountability Report Cards** Source: *StateNet*
ID	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 1 96	Amends existing law to provide that school accountability report card is optional for school district and may be required by board of trustees. Title: **SB 1400 - School Accountability Report Card** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*

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NC	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Grants additional management flexibility to local boards of education and holds them accountable for using that flexibility to assess relationship between expenditures and student performance. Title: **HB 6/SB 99 - School Flexibility and Accountability** Author: Preston Source: *StateNet*
SC	LEGIS./CODE Killed 2 96	Gives schools and districts greater control over education decisions and evaluates funding needs in exchange for increased accountability for results. Sets high benchmarks for student achievement, with schools meeting these benchmarks designated "successful" and receiving incentive awards and employee bonuses. Schools improving but not meeting benchmarks would be designated "improving." Those not reaching the benchmarks would be designated "advised" after one year and "warned" after a second year, with special assistance, including intensive training for principals, teachers and support staff. Schools not meeting benchmarks for three consecutive years would be designated "substandard" with superintendent and school board having power to remove principal and superintendent having discretion to renew teachers' contracts. Innovation funds would be withheld if principal not removed. In addition, 14-member committee of local citizens appointed by superintendent would develop improvement plan and report back to board and community. Title: **HB 4597 - South Carolina School Accountability Act of 1996** Source: South Carolina Department of Education; *Education Week*, April 17, 1996
TN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Adds Tennessee Association of Church-Related Schools to list of standards organizations to which such school may apply for accreditation. Title: **HB 29/SB 605 - Accreditation Organization** Author: Davidson Source: *StateNet*
TX	BOARD POLICY Passed 1 96	Proposes new regulation concerning planning and accreditation. Establishes definitions, requirements and procedures related to accreditation, accreditation status, campus performance ratings, and probation or revocation of home-rule school district charter or open-enrollment charter school. Title: **19 TAC 97.1-97.7 - Education Agency/Planning and Accreditation** Author: Education Agency Source: *StateNet*
ADMINISTRATOR/PRINCIPAL (also see SUPERINTENDENT)		
KY	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Gives school principals with out-of-state certification a certificate valid for one year and allows principals five years, rather than four, to complete internships. Clarifies administrative responsibilities of Education Professional Standards Board and provides authority to charge fees for certificates. Title: **HB 327 - Principal Certification** Author: Scorsone Source: *StateNet*
ME	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Provides for conditional administrator certification for administrator who is qualified for full certification but lacks completion in one or more competency areas. Provides that such certification require specific time for individual to complete requirements. Title: **SB 493 - Conditional Administrator Certification** Author: Carpenter Source: *StateNet*

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ADULT EDUCATION		
CT	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Provides increased state funding for adult education. Title: **HB 5143 - Funding for Adult Education** Author: Scipio Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Provides $1,000 tax credit to individuals between ages of 18 and 65 who obtain high school diploma or its equivalency and additional $1,000 credit if individual can document, through his or her employer, that he or she obtained job or promotion as result of getting the diploma. Provides $1,000 tax credit to employers for each employee they allow to work toward high school diploma or equivalent. Title: **HB 726 - Tax Credit** Author: Kilgore Source: *StateNet*
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION (also see DISCIPLINE and MAGNET SCHOOLS)		
AZ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires school districts to apply for approval of alternative school before increasing student counts. Application will go to new "advisory committee for alternative schools," consisting of legislators, school officials and others. Allows committee to choose which schools to fund based on those that seem likely to retain dropouts if legislature has not appropriated enough money. Title: **SB 96-1121 - Approval of Pupil Count for Alternative Schools** Author: Soltero Source: *StateNet*
AZ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Appropriates to Department of Education specific amount for new "alternative school stimulus fund" to pay for start-up, transportation, capital and other costs. Prescribes application procedures. Title: **SB 96-1122 - Alternative School Stimulus Fund** Author: Soltero Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Calls for schools to accommodate disruptive or violent pupils by providing special programs and curricula to help them develop more responsible behavior patterns and meet curriculum and graduation requirements, and to teach teachers, classified employees and administrators how to cope with disruptive or violent pupils, emergencies and crises on school campuses. Title: **SB 1683 - Disruptive Pupils** Author: Hughes Source: Association of California School Administrators, *Sacramento Education Legislative Letter*, March 25, 1996
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Allows group of six or more public school teachers to implement alternative education models through schools within school. Exempts such schools from certain state laws; requires governing board and implementation plan; appoints chief executive officer to manage school; requires review of implementation plan by Board of Education and self-evaluation and monitoring. Title: **SB 3044 - Alternative Education Models Schools Within Schools** Author: McCartney Source: *StateNet*

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IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Provides for establishing in-school, districtwide intensive supervision center program for pupils under age 16 who are guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct. Title: **SB 1349 - In-School Districtwide Supervision Center Program** Author: Collins Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Amends school code to authorize Chicago Board of Education to establish alternative schools and to contract with third parties to provide services for those schools. Exempts alternative schools operated by third party from all provisions of school code except those specified. Title: **HB 1000 - Alternative Schools and Contracts With Third Parties to Provide Services** Author: Daniels Source: *StateNet*
MD	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires each county board of education and Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore City to establish comprehensive programs for disruptive students; adds certain crimes to list of reportable offenses. Requires principal to notify certain persons when student has committed certain offense. Requires county superintendent to suspend student under certain circumstances and place student in certain program. Title: **SB 195 - Programs for Disruptive Students** Author: Astle Source: *StateNet*
MS	LEGIS./CODE Killed 1 96	Creates alternative programs for at-risk youth in education and requires each school district to operate alternative school program by 1996-97 school year. Title: **HB 387 and HB 631 - Alternative Education for At-Risk Students** Author: Blackmon and Clark Source: *StateNet*
NJ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Establishes on pilot basis a "boot camp" style residential school program for pupils with disciplinary problems. Title: **AB 523 - Magnet Schools for Disciplinary Problems** Author: Crecco Source: *StateNet*
NJ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires school districts to provide alternative education programs. Title: **SB 178 - Alternative Educational Programs** Author: Rice Source: *StateNet*
OH	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 12 95	Authorizes school boards to create alternative disciplinary middle and high schools allowed to operate in deregulated manner. Title: **HB 507 - Alternative Discipline** Author: Doty Source: Ohio School Boards Association, *Legislative Report*, December 4, 1995
TN	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Includes in basic education funding sufficient money for each local school district to fund one alternative school for suspended or expelled students in grades 7-12. Title: **HB 2523/SB 2432 - Funding Alternative School** Author: DeBerry Source: *StateNet*

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WV	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Establishes secure residential school for juvenile offenders and provides alternative school for evening classes or night school for children expelled or suspended from regular school classes. Title: **HB 4139 - Alternative Education for Disruptive Students** Author: Doyle Source: *StateNet*
WV	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Provides for alternative schools or programs for disruptive school-age juveniles at the county level and establishes formula for State Board of Education to distribute state funding to local school boards for that purpose. Allows students to attend night school. Removes requirements for certified letter if parent/guardian signs acknowledgment of expulsion. Permits county boards to employ hearing officer to conduct expulsion hearings and authorizes state board to provide education programs and services, subject to legislative appropriations, at four residential facilities for school-age juveniles with behavior problems. In addition, bill permits suspension of special education students with disabilities for up to 10 days and expulsion if they bring deadly weapon to school. Title: **HB 4065 - Safe Schools** Source: West Virginia Department of Education
ARTICULATION (see SECONDARY EDUCATION and POSTSECONDARY)		
ASSESSMENT/TESTING (also see ACCOUNTABILITY)		
CA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 9 95	Deletes $40 limitation on exam fee to verify basic skills competency in public high schools and prohibits fee from exceeding cost of test renewal and administration. Requires State Department of Education to periodically review effectiveness of basic skills proficiency exams and specifies that review costs may be recovered through specified fees. Title: **AB 603 - Fee for Competency in Basic Skills** Author: Knight Source: *StateNet*
CO	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Clarifies that statewide assessments shall be phased in over three years in grades 4, 8 and 11. Title: **SB 125 - Implementation of Assessments** Author: Meiklejohn Source: Colorado Association of School Boards, *Billboard*, May 10, 1996

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GA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Requires State Board of Education to adopt student assessment program and to fund all costs of providing and scoring instruments, subject to appropriation by General Assembly. Nationally normed referenced instruments in reading, mathematics, science and social studies will be administered to students in grades 3, 5 and 8. Within two years, state board will review, revise and upgrade core curriculum and contract for development of criterion-referenced tests for students in any three grades, not lower than grade 3. Curriculum-based assessment will be administered in grade 11 for graduation purposes and writing assessments in grades 3, 5, 8 and 11. State board may require students to get satisfactory scores on instruments or tests to receive diploma. Board also will adopt regulations to ensure that handicapped children have opportunities to take any test tied to awarding of high school diplomas. Special education diplomas may be awarded to handicapped students who do not pass such tests or have not completed all requirements for high school diplomas but who nevertheless have completed Individualized Education Programs. Teachers in grades 3-12 shall participate annually in staff development on using tests to improve students' academic achievement. Program also will instruct teachers on curriculum alignment, disaggregated student test data to identify student academic weaknesses and other appropriate usages determined by the state board. Title: **SB 11 - Curriculum-Based Assessment Results** Author: Newbill Source: *StateNet*
KY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Amends statewide assessment law to require assessment program to measure student skills and knowledge of subject matter in reading, mathematics, writing, science and social studies in grades 4, 5, 7, 8, 11 and 12. Implements new provisions during 1996-97 school year; uses test results from 1996-97 and 1997-98 school years to create school baseline. Delays sanctions of unsuccessful schools until 1998-2000 school year. Title: **HB 560 - Statewide Assessment Program** Author: Treesh Source: *StateNet*
LA	LEGIS./CODE Passed 4 96	Calls for Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) norm-referenced test to be given statewide to students in grades 4, 6 and 8. Requires local school boards (beginning with 1997-98 school year) to test each pupil in three grades at secondary level to measure performance in relation to national indices. Requires local school boards to use LEAP norm-referenced test for such testing and to publish test results in school progress profiles. Provides for state to cover all costs of implementing these requirements, which will become effective only upon legislative appropriation of needed funds. Title: **HB 167 - Elementary and Secondary Testing** Author: Brun Source: House Legislative Services, "Preliminary Highlights of the 1996 First Extraordinary Session"
LA	BOARD POLICY Proposed 4 96	Requests Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to allot monies from Louisiana Quality Education Support Fund to implement existing norm-referenced testing components of LEAP and, in the event that HB 167 (above) is enacted, to fund student testing in three secondary-level grades. Requests BESE to allocate for three years support fund monies and to revise minimum foundation program formula to ensure that such expenditures are included in base per-pupil amount after three-year period has expired. Title: **HCR 44 - Financial Support for HB 167** Author: Brun Source: House Legislative Services, "Preliminary Highlights of the 1996 First Extraordinary Session"

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NC	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Clarifies purposes of statewide testing program to include improving instructional delivery and ensuring public accountability at state, local and school levels. Requires State Board of Education to adopt annual testing system (present, end-of-course and end-of-grade tests) for grades 3-12 and specifies that tests are to measure progress toward reading, communication skills and mathematics for grades 3-8. Title: **SB 24 - Statewide Testing Program** Author: Lucas Source: *StateNet*
OH	BOARD POLICY Proposed 2 96	Defines terms and establishes statewide testing programs for demonstrating proficiency in reading, writing, mathematics, citizenship and science and designates grades for administration of tests. Title: **OAC 3301-13-01, -02 - Terms/Educational Testing** Author: Department of Education Source: *StateNet*
SC	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 95	Approves Board of Education regulations relating to basic skills assessment program writing test, minimum standards of student achievement and scoring criteria. Title: **HB 3509 - Assessment and Standards** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
UT	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Provides for statewide student assessment program in grade 10 to facilitate student education and career planning. Provides for program evaluation. Title: **SB 201 - Statewide Student Assessment** Author: Stephenson Source: *StateNet*
WV	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Eliminates STEP testing mandate. Title: **SB 104 - State Assessment** Author: Miller Source: *StateNet*
AT-RISK YOUTH/DROPOUT PREVENTION (also see ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION, COMPENSATORY EDUCATION, DISCIPLINE, EQUITY, MAGNET SCHOOLS and SUBSTANCE ABUSE)		
AR	BOARD POLICY Passed 7 95	Establishes funding levels and formulas for at-risk programs and prescribe program requirements. Title: **Funding Levels for At-Risk Programs** Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Establishes Second Shift Youth Enrichment Act to be administered by State Department of Education to improve outcomes for pupils at risk of truancy, juvenile delinquency, violence, premature pregnancy or dependence on the welfare system. Title: **AB 2707 - Establishes Second Shift Youth Enrichment Act for Purpose of Improving Outcomes for Pupils Who Are At Risk** Author: Bates

State	Status	Summary
CA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 95	Requires State Department of Education to provide additional information and financial assistance to schools in which 30% or more of the enrollment consists of children who have applied and qualify for free and reduced-price meals. Title: **SB 59 - Financial Assistance to Children Who are At Risk of Dropping Out** Author: Killea Source: *StateNet*
GA	LEGIS./CODE Killed 2 96	Provides for 16 year olds to be tried as adults if they have dropped out of school and committed crime. Title: **HB 1824 - Dropouts Tried As Adults** Author: Kinnamon Source: *StateNet*
MI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 4 96	Requires school districts to provide special assistance to each pupil eligible for federal funds under Chapter 1 of the Hawkins-Stafford Elementary and Secondary School Improvement Amendments of 1988 or Public Law 100-297; or who is at risk of falling seriously behind others of his or her age or in danger of being expelled or not advancing in grade level. School district shall avoid removing such pupil from his or her core curriculum or other regular classroom courses to provide special assistance. Title: **HB 5767 - Remedial Instruction** Author: Parks Source: *StateNet*
MS	BOARD POLICY Passed 4 96	Requires school districts to spend no less than 80% on annual Title 1 budgets at participating schools to improve school environments. Title: **Requiring School Districts to Spend No Less Than 80% on Annual Title 1 Budgets** Author: Department of Education Source: *StateNet*
NM	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Provides for agriculturally oriented education program for at-risk youth. Title: **SB 502 - Agricultural Program for At-Risk Youth** Author: Aragon Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Reestablishes Tennessee model dropout prevention program in Department of Education; revives and reenacts TCA Section 3-15-207 and Section 49-1-520. Title: **HB 3108/SB 3006 - Model Dropout Prevention Program** Author: Jones Source: *StateNet*
UT	BOARD POLICY Proposed 3 96	Simplifies process of distributing at-risk funds for students. Title: **R277-760-1 thru R277-760-4 - Flow-Through Funds for Students At-Risk** Author: Department of Education Source: *StateNet*
ATTENDANCE (also see DISCIPLINE, INCENTIVES/SANCTIONS and PARENT/FAMILY)		
AL	CONSTITUTION Proposed 2 96	Requires every child to attend school until age 17. Title: **SB 150 - Compulsory School-Age Requirements** Author: Smitherman Source: *StateNet*

State	Status	Summary
CO	LEGIS./CODE Killed 1 96	Part of revision of 500-page Colorado Children's Code: repeals compulsory attendance laws but retains original language concerning attendance — students will still have to attend school. Title: **HB 1005 - Repeal Compulsory Attendance Law** Author: Adkins Source: Colorado Association of School Boards, *Billboard*, January 12, 1996; *Colorado Education Association Journal*, April 1996
CO	LEGIS./CODE Killed 5 96	Requires school districts to prepare written individual school attendance plan for each habitually truant student, specifying measures to ensure student's attendance. Authorizes peace officers to take child into custody and return him or her to school district when there is reasonable cause to believe student is truant. Expands options for responding to child's or parent's noncompliance with court order compelling child to attend school — court can find child or parent in contempt and order community service, parent to accompany child to school, parent to take parenting classes, conflict resolution training or substance abuse counseling. Title: **HB 1175 - Compulsory School Attendance** Author: Friednash Source: Colorado Association of School Boards, *Billboard*, January 19, 1996; May 10, 1996
CO	LEGIS./CODE Killed 5 96	Requires school districts to enforce compulsory school attendance laws for 6 year olds. Amends attendance law by removing reference to academic penalty for nonattendance. Mandates school boards to set policies regarding attendance and truancy. Allows school boards to create attendance board for district or for each school to review truancy cases and meet with parents to develop plan to correct truancy problems. Authorizes law enforcement officers who believe child is violating attendance laws to issue notice of possible truancy to child and forward copy to school district. Permits law enforcement officers to take child into temporary custody and then release to school district. Title: **SB 119 - Truant Children** Author: Pascoe Source: Colorado Association of School Boards; *Billboard*, May 10, 1996
CT	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Requires superintendents to bring truant child's case to Superior Court if his or her parents fail to meet with school personnel and cooperate in solving the problem. Title: **PA 95-304, HB 6898 - School Safety** Source: Connecticut General Assembly, 1995 Legislation
HI	LEGIS./CODE Expired 1 96	Lowers compulsory education age from 18 to 16; requires Department of Education to be responsible for providing alternative education to alienated and at-risk students. Title: **SB 96-3073 - Compulsory Age Requirement** Author: Kawamoto Source: *StateNet*
HI	LEGIS./CODE Killed 1 96	Requires child to attend public or private school from age 3, rather than 6 years, and to age 16, rather than 18. Title: **HB 96-2703 - Compulsory School-Age Requirements for Public and Private** Author: Nakasone Source: *StateNet*

State	Status	Summary
HI	LEGIS./CODE Passed 1 96	Requires child to attend public or private school until age 16 rather than 18. Parental/principal signature and proof of alternative education program needed to leave. Title: **HB 2515/SB 2380 - Lowers Compulsory School-Age Requirement** Author: Abinsay Source: *StateNet*
IA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Establishes truancy school in each area education agency; defines certain truants as children in need of assistance or as delinquents; makes appropriation, provides conditional effective date. Title: **SB 2143 - Truancy School** Author: Boswell Source: *StateNet*
ID	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Amends existing law to allow children who have completed out-of-state kindergarten to attend 1st grade even though they are only 5 years old. Title: **HB 837 - Five Year Olds Attend First Grade** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
KY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Requires specified school officials, upon receipt of report that student has been absent more than 10 times in one month, to investigate cause of child's truancy or file complaint with Department of Juvenile Justice alleging student is child in need of supervision. Title: **HB 903 - Process for Truancy** Author: Dembrow Source: *StateNet*
KY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Permits local boards of education to adopt policy requiring students to attend at least 90% of classes in order to receive credit. Requires local boards of education adopting the policy to appoint attendance committees to hear student petition for credit; establishes review procedure. Title: **SB 257 - Compulsory School Attendance** Author: Casebier Source: *StateNet*
KY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Authorizes pupil personnel directors, their assistants and police officers to take children who violate KRS Chapter 159 into custody without warrant. Requires child to be taken immediately to school principal and parents to be notified. Permits meeting to discuss violation. Title: **HB 668 - Enforcement of Compulsory School Attendance** Author: Palumbo Source: *StateNet*
KY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Establishes programs to cooperate with local and state law enforcement to identify habitual truants for identification, citation and return to school. Requires every law enforcement agency, upon request of district pupil-personnel officer, to cooperate in such program. Title: **HB 759 - Habitual Truants** Author: Cave Source: *StateNet*

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LA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Requires school attendance requirements for receipt of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) benefits. Requires Department of Social Services to apply for appropriate federal waiver; provides duties for Departments of Education and Social Services. Title: **SB 585 - AFDC Program** Author: Ewing Source: *StateNet*
MD	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Raises maximum age of compulsory school attendance from 16 to 18 with specified exceptions and raises age at which individual may receive high school diploma by examination. Title: **HB 96-303 - Compulsory School Ages** Author: Shriver Source: *StateNet*
MO	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 12 95	Raises compulsory school attendance to age 18. Title: **HB 917 - Compulsory School Attendance** Author: Hosmer Source: *StateNet*
MS	LEGIS./CODE Killed 1 96	Changes cut-off date for 6-year-old enrollment from September 1 to January 1. Title: **HB 1246 - Age Cut-Off Dates** Author: Straughter Source: *StateNet*
NH	LEGIS./CODE Killed 10 95	Allows for parent who sends child to school which he or she has no right to attend to pay school district a fine equal to double amount of the annual tuition charged by school district. Title: **HB 1622 - Tuition for Child Who Has No Right to Attend** Author: Hutchinson Source: *StateNet*
NJ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 11 95	Makes parent of child failing to attend school subject to community service. Title: **AB 3145/SB 2330 - Parents Subject to Community Service** Author: Wolf/Ciesla Source: *StateNet*
NJ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 5 96	Raises age of compulsory school attendance to 18 years. Title: **SB 1135 - Compulsory Age for School Attendance** Author: Rice Source: *StateNet*
SD	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Revises age for compulsory school attendance. Title: **HB 1116 - Age for Compulsory School Attendance** Author: Moore Source: *StateNet*
UT	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Lowers compulsory education age requirement from 18 to 14. Title: **SB 81 - Compulsory Education Age Requirement** Author: Stephenson Source: *StateNet*

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VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 1 96	Reduces number of unexplained consecutive absences from five to three for child to be reported to attendance officer; requires child be reported if his or her unexplained absences total five school days per month or 10 days per semester. Increases penalties for inducing child to be absent, violating compulsory school attendance laws and permitting child to be habitually absent. Title: **HB 375 - Compulsory School Attendance** Author: Cantor Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Reduces number of unexplained consecutive absences from five to three for child to be reported to attendance officer; requires child be reported if his or her unexplained absences total five school days per month or 10 days per semester. Title: **SB 324 - Unexplained Consecutive Absences** Author: Houck Source: *StateNet*
VT	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires child to be at least 5 years old before September 1 to enter public school kindergarten that year and at least 6 to enter public school 1st grade. Title: **HB 633 - Kindergarten and First Grade Ages** Author: Almy-Smith Source: *StateNet*
WA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Lowers age for mandatory school attendance from 8 to 6. Title: **HB 2737/SB 6660 - Mandatory School Attendance** Author: Brumsickle Source: *StateNet*
WI	LEGIS./CODE Killed 2 96	Reduces age of compulsory school attendance from 18 to 17. School board may allow child at least 17 years old to participate in alternative program. Title: **SB 300 - Compulsory Attendance Age Lowered** Author: Darling Source: Wisconsin Association of School Boards, *Legislative Alert*, February 17, 1996; April 3, 1996
WI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Authorizes school board to notify Department of Transportation (DOT) of students who are habitual truants. Requires DOT to suspend driving privileges for 30 to 90 days. Pupil not eligible for occupational licenses allowing limited motor-vehicle operation for occupation or trade, including full-time or part-time study. Title: **SB 322 - Habitual Truants' Driving Privileges Suspended** Author: Adelman Source: Wisconsin Association of School Boards, *Legislative Alert*, February 17, 1996
WV	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires school attendance until 18 years of age and provides alternative classrooms for disruptive students. Title: **HB 4177 - Compulsory School Age Requirement** Author: Faircloth Source: *StateNet*

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BILINGUAL EDUCATION		
MI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Reinstates mandatory bilingual instruction into education curricula. Title: **HB 5715 - Bilingual Instruction** Author: Scott Source: *StateNet*
NY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Mandates school districts to identify limited English-proficient students and provide bilingual education or English as a Second Language for eligible students. Title: **AB 8765/SB 2623 - Identify Limited English Proficient Students** Author: Ortiz Source: *StateNet*
NY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Provides that state public schools, in which majority of pupils are of Puerto Rican or Spanish extraction, shall make Puerto Rican and Hispanic literary works available for translation and circulation; appropriates funds for such purposes. Title: **SB 8778/SB 2610 - Ethnic Works Provided for Ethnic Majority in Public Schools** Author: Marcellino Source: *StateNet*
BUSINESS/INDUSTRY/EDUCATION		
UT	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Provides that State Board of Education, local school boards, school community councils and school directors work with employers to develop policies and programs for greater employee participation in public education system. Title: **HB 163 - Public Involvement** Author: Protzman Source: *StateNet*
CHARTER SCHOOLS (also see CHOICE)		
AK	BOARD POLICY Passed 4 96	Approves Alaska's first three charter schools, which require approval of both state and local school boards. Board declined to waive state standardized testing requirements as requested by one school. Title: **State Board Approves First Charter Schools** Source: Alaska Department of Education
AZ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Authorizes State Board of Charter Schools to hire staff subject to legislature making money available. Appropriates $115,000 for that purpose. Title: **SB 1177 - Staff for Charter Schools** Author: Huppenthal Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Deletes limitation on number of charter schools that may be established in the state and within any school district. Title: **SB 2106 - Delete Charter School Cap** Author: Baldwin Source: *StateNet*

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CA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Requires State Department of Education to report to governor and legislature concerning effectiveness of charter schools. Title: **AB 2136 - Evaluating Charter Schools** Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Authorizes school districts that maintain an enrollment of more than 600,000 students (i.e., Los Angeles) to operate 12 charter schools, in addition to the 100 charter schools that school districts may operate and the 10 charter schools that single school district may operate. Title: **SB 1883 - Number of Charter Schools in a District** Author: Hayden Source: *StateNet*
CO	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 5 96	Enacts "Charter School District Act" to create pilot program for establishment of charter school districts. Requires state board to promulgate rules that specify procedures for applying for charter status. Title: **SB 77 - Charter School District** Author: Matsunaka Source: Colorado Association of School Boards, *Billboard*, January 12, 1996; *Colorado Education Association Journal*, April 1996; May 10, 1996
CO	LEGIS./CODE Killed 5 96	Permits existing outstanding schools to receive "earned charters." Defines criteria for outstanding schools and allows such schools and their partner schools to submit joint plan to local boards of education. Schools are free from such regulations as spelled out in their charter agreements. Title: **HB 1258 - Charter Schools Program** Author: Schauer Source: *StateNet*; Colorado Association of School Boards, *Billboard*, May 10, 1996
DE	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Enables community members to apply to local or state school board for charter to organize and run independent schools free from most state regulations. Schools also may apply to the U.S. secretary of education for waiver of federal regulations. Charter school may not charge tuition or collect fees, be home-based, engage in religious practices, restrict student admissions (except by age, grade or lottery in the case of over-enrollment) or discriminate against any student in admission process. Title: **SB 200 - Independent Charter Schools** Author: Sokola Source: State & Local Government Affairs Program, State & Local Reaction; *StateNet*
FL	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 12 95	Authorizes creation of charter schools and provides for the following: proposals and sponsorship, limitation on number of schools, student eligibility, organization as legal entity and requirements as employer, requirements for schools and charters, and causes for non-renewal or termination of charter. Title: **HB 403/SB 334 - Charter Schools 1996** Author: Tedder Source: *StateNet*; Education Commission of the States
FL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Creates Charter School Act; authorizes State Board of Education to grant limited number of public school charters on recommendation of district school boards; provides procedures for creation of charter public schools. Title: **SB 1030 - Charter Schools** Author: Jenne Source: *StateNet*

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FL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Creates "Charter Public Schools Act of Florida" to provide procedures for creation and operation of charter public schools. Title: **SB 1808 - Creation of the "Charter Public Schools Act of Florida"** Author: Holzendorf Source: *StateNet*
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Allows Hawaiian language immersion programs to qualify as student-centered school. Title: **SB 2363 - Hawaii Language Immersion Student-Centered School** Author: McCartney Source: *StateNet*
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Repeals student-centered schools law. Exempts school/community-based management (SCBM) schools from all applicable state laws, except those regarding: (1) collective bargaining, (2) state procurement and (3) religious, racial or sexual bias, and health and safety requirements. Requires SCBM system schools to receive allocation of state general funds on per-pupil expenditure for average daily attendance. Title: **HB 3017 - Charter Schools or School/Community-Based Management (SCBM) System Schools** Author: Takai Source: *StateNet*
ID	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Provides for establishment of charter schools. Title: **HB 662 - Charter Schools Within the Public System** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Creates short title for new article authorizing creation of charter schools. Recommends bill be further amended to delete requirement that charter school proposals must be submitted to local school boards by January 9, 1996, if charter school is to be opened in fall 1996. Replaces provision requiring charter school teacher at end of authorized leave of absence period to return to school district in a comparable position. Title: **SB 19 - Creation of Charter Schools** Author: O'Malley Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Creates Charter School District Law applicable to all school districts. Provides for existing school districts to be converted to charter school district status, with all public schools in any such district becoming charter schools. Title: **SB 1545 - Charter School District Law** Author: Sieben Source: *StateNet*
KS	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Authorizes establishment of state charter schools. Title: **SB 606 - Establishing Charter Schools** Author: Lawrence Source: *StateNet*

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MA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Relates to charter school enrollment and establishment of regional charter schools. Allows secretary of education to amend or grant charter designating a regional charter school. Provides for siblings or currently enrolled students to be given admissions preference. Authorizes lottery to determine which applicants shall be admitted when there are too many applicants for number of spaces available. Title: **HB 5129 - Charter School Enrollment** Author: Committee on Counties Source: *StateNet*
MN	LEGIS./CODE Killed 96	Provides for expanded charter school law, including school board contracting. Establishes statewide education information system. Specifies school year. Modifies teacher continuing contracts and termination. Provides for performance-based compensation aid and revised procedures for bargaining between school boards and teachers. Establishes time for teacher layoff notice. Title: **HB 2117 - Expanding Charter School Laws, Establishing Statewide Education Information System, Modifying Teacher Contracts and Collective Bargaining** Author: Office of Education Excellence-Reform Source: *StateNet*
MN	LEGIS./CODE Killed 96	Allows up to 100 charter schools and limits petition requirements to convert schools. Title: **HB 96-2551 - Cap on Charter Schools** Author: Sykora Source: *StateNet*
MN	LEGIS./CODE Killed 96	Removes 40-school limit; allows Board of Education to sponsor charter schools and various entities to operate one. Changes board of directors requirements for charter schools; requires three-year contracts; changes school location limitations; requires referendum revenue to be paid to charter schools; expands interdistrict open enrollments, with only districts allowed to limit such enrollment. Title: **SB 2233 - Expanding Charter School Law** Author: Reichgott-Junge Source: *StateNet*
NH	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Allows school districts to designate one or more schools as open-enrollment schools. These are not charter schools but will operate under same laws, rules and policies as other public schools, except as provided in this law. Only charter schools required to be open-enrollment schools. School districts may predetermine number of pupils to be accepted from outside district or school attendance area. Students pay no fee for admission to any charter or open-enrollment school; those who meet admission requirements, and who reside in the district where school is located, have admission preference over nonresident students. Charter schools exempt from state laws and rules which otherwise apply to public or nonpublic schools or local school boards or districts. Applicants wishing to establish charter schools must present school board a proposed contract by April 1 of the year proceeding school's intended operation. Prior to January 1, 1997, state board shall grant no more than five charter school applications. During 1997 and each calendar year thereafter, no more than 10 charter school applications will be granted. To ensure geographic dispersion of charter schools, no more than one charter school and one charter conversion school application will be granted in any one calendar year in any district. Title: **SB 9 - Charter Schools and Open Enrollment** Author: Rodeschin Source: *StateNet*

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NJ	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 1 96	Authorizes up to 135 charter schools throughout state over next four years. Parents, teachers, colleges and private firms may apply for charters, although private entities may not keep any profits earned from running a school. Existing public schools may become charter schools if 51% of parents and teachers support the change. School districts will provide 90% of regular per-pupil funding for each child attending a district charter school. Title: "Governor Signs Charter School Bill" Source: *Education Week*, January 24, 1996
OH	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 4 96	Authorizes creation by contract of community schools within any city, exempted village or local school district. No limit to number of such schools that can be created within a district, but bars community schools from being affiliated with sectarian schools or religious institutions. Community schools must provide learning opportunities to minimum of 25 students for minimum of 920 hours per school year. Title: **HB 370 - Community Schools** Author: Snyder Source: Ohio Legislative Office, bill summary
OK	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 95	Creates 18-member Charter Schools Task Force to study and make recommendations on creation of charter schools and use of private management in public schools. Title: **HB 1703 - Charter Schools Task Force** Author: Bryant Source: *StateNet*
RI	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Permits establishment of charter schools, independent of local school committees and operated by governing bodies. Provides for charter procedure and certain rules and regulations for operation of such schools. Title: **HB 6373 - Charter Schools** Author: Crowley Source: *StateNet*
SC	GOV'S PROPOSAL Proposed 1 96	Enacts South Carolina Charter School Act, which sets out manner in which charter school shall be formed, funded, regulated and governed, and establishes Charter Schools Review Committee. Title: **SB 1031 - Charter Schools** Author: Wilson Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Authorizes establishment of charter schools. After local school board adopts resolution stating intention to receive applications to establish charter schools, individuals or organizations may initiate the application process by submitting proposed agreement. Title: **HB 96-776 - Establishment of Charter Schools** Author: Council Source: *StateNet*
WA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Authorizes establishment of charter schools; designates application and approval process. Limits number of charter schools in 1996-98 school years to 25. Limits term of operation to no longer than five school years, with options to renew. Declares primary focus of charter schools shall be to provide comprehensive program of instruction for at least one grade level. Title: **HB 2380 - Establishment of Charter Schools** Author: Quall Source: *StateNet*

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WA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Provides that charter schools may be established to provide learning environment that will improve pupil achievement, expand opportunities for principals and teachers in neighborhood schools, and provide additional academic choices for parents and pupils. Charter schools may consist of new schools or all or any portion of existing school. Title: **HB 2910 - Opportunities of Charter Schools** Author: Thomas Source: *StateNet*
CHOICE (also see CHARTER SCHOOLS and VOUCHERS)		
CO	LEGIS./CODE Killed 5 96	Amends interdistrict choice law by authorizing school districts receiving minimum state aid to deny admission to nonresident pupils or to charge tuition. Provides tuition credit for parents or guardians who pay property tax on property contiguous to school district of attendance. Title: **HB 1192 - Limitation on Interdistrict Choice** Author: Sullivant Source: Colorado Association of School Boards, *Billboard*, May 10, 1996
DE	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Allows parent to choose any public school in Delaware for their child(ren) to attend. Title: **School Choice - House Substitute 1 for House Bill 144 - Open Enrollment** Source: News Release, State of Delaware Legislative Hall
FL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Creates "Parental Choice in Education Act" to provide parents opportunity to select schools for their children. Requires Department of Education to establish program in which children with education certificates (basically vouchers), requested by parents, may be admitted to public or private schools in the program. Title: **SB 416 - Parental Choice in Education Act** Author: McKay Source: *StateNet*
FL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Requires district school boards to offer controlled open enrollment giving parents some opportunity to choose school their child(ren) attends. Title: **HB 1107 - Open Enrollment for Students in Public Schools** Author: Horan Source: *StateNet*
FL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Creates five-year public-private partnership pilot program in specified counties. Provides eligibility requirements for private schools, nonprofit organizations and home schoolers. Requires Department of Education to establish choice information center. Title: **HB 2415 - Establishment of Choice Information Center** Author: Wise Source: *StateNet*
GA	LEGIS./CODE Killed 2 96	Relates to enrollment of high school students in postsecondary courses; provides for state to pay tuition and other costs incurred by private school pupils enrolled at eligible institutions. Title: **HB 1545 - Postsecondary Options** Author: Sherrill Source: *StateNet*

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IA	BOARD POLICY Passed 11 95	Removes requirement for renewing open-enrollment application, allowing approved open enrollment applications to remain in place unless parent/guardian withdraws it. Title: **Open Enrollment** Source: *StateNet*
IA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Relates to open-enrollment application and implementation process. Title: **SB 2201 - Open Enrollment Choice** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
ME	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 95	Broadens public education options for parents and students and provides that residence is no longer prerequisite for enrollment in school district. Allows student to attend public school of his or her choice, subject to some minor limitations. Allows funding to "follow" student and provides incentive for schools to maintain or increase enrollment levels. Title: **SB 36 - Choice** Author: Amero Source: *StateNet*
MI	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Relates to school aid, education and examinations. Counts membership of students enrolled in postsecondary education courses under Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act. Clarifies and provides for use of foundation allowance for certain postsecondary enrollment. Allows students to take state-endorsed diploma examinations early to qualify to enroll in postsecondary courses. Title: **HB 4642 - Postsecondary Education Options** Author: Dalman Source: *StateNet*
MN	LEGIS./CODE Killed 96	Sets up school transportation choice program with intention of improving transportation efficiency and expanding parental choice for children's education. Sets eligibility standards and requires districts to determine separate certificate amounts for regular and handicapped pupil transportation. Requires parents to be notified of options and procedures to apply for choice certificate. Title: **SB 2506 - School Transportation Choice Program** Author: Reichgott-Junge Source: *StateNet*
NH	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Allows school districts to designate one or more schools as open-enrollment schools. These are not charter schools but will operate under same laws, rules and policies as other public schools, except as provided in this law. Only charter schools required to be open-enrollment schools. School districts may predetermine number of pupils to be accepted from outside the district or school attendance area. Students pay no fee for admission to any charter or open-enrollment school; those who meet admission requirements, and who reside in the district where school is located, have admission preference over nonresident students. For application to charter schools, see charter schools section. Title: **SB 9 - Charter Schools and Open Enrollment** Author: Rodeschin Source: *StateNet*

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NJ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Establishes dual-enrollment program to award high school and college credit to public school students. Title: **SB 82 - Dual Enrollment Program for Students** Author: Bassano, Ewing Source: *StateNet*
OH	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Requires school districts to provide transportation to intradistrict open-enrollment students. Title: **HB 607 - Transportation for Intradistrict Open Enrollment Students** Author: Thomas Source: *StateNet*
OK	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Modifies certain transfer criteria and deletes certain notification requirements, restrictions on transfers, transfer criteria for changes of residence and transfer procedures. Modifies required approval for transfer and allows certain reasons for denial of transfer. Title: **HB 2267 - Student Transfers** Author: Bryant Source: *StateNet*
SD	LEGIS./CODE Killed 1 96	Provides choice for students as to which public school to attend. Title: **HB 1294/SB 197 - 1996 Choice** Author: Wick Source: *StateNet*
SD	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Allows student to be assigned to whichever school he or she requests if there is no district school within 10 miles of residence and bus service and dormitories are not provided. Title: **HB 1145 - Choice** Author: Pederson Source: *StateNet*
SD	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Repeals restriction on school district power to pay tuition and fees for high school students enrolled in postsecondary courses that satisfy high school graduation requirements. Title: **SB 17 - Tuition for High School Students Enrolled in Postsecondary Courses** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
VT	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Enables pupil to attend any public school within district in which he or she resides. Title: **HB 652 - Intradistrict Choice** Author: Vincent Source: *StateNet*
WI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 11 95	Relates to restricting the Milwaukee parental choice program to nonsectarian private schools in response to governor's proposal to expand to religious schools. Title: **SB 424 - Parental Choice Program** Author: Wineke Source: *StateNet*

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WI	LEGIS./CODE Killed 2 96	Creates interdistrict school choice program. Beginning in 1996-97 school year, student may attend any public school outside his or her district of residence if parents comply with certain application dates and procedures. District of residence must pay tuition or amount agreed to between districts. Student enrolled in public school also may attend school in another school district to take one or more courses under certain circumstances. Title: **AB 347 - Interdistrict School Choice Program** Author: Duff Source: Wisconsin Association of School Boards, *Legislative Alert*, February 17, 1996
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING (see TEACHER COMPENSATION and TEACHER CONTRACTS)		
COMMUNITY SERVICE/VOLUNTEERISM		
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Authorizes each public high school's site-based management council or principal to establish community-service requirements for graduation from high school. Title: **HB 3249 - Community Service Requirements for Graduation from High School** Author: Stegmaier Source: *StateNet*
IA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Establishes school community-service program. Title: **HB 2291 - Community Service Program** Author: Burnett Source: *StateNet*
MA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 4 95	Provides for school-based community service. Title: **SB 288 - Community Service** Author: Lees Source: *StateNet*
MD	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Prohibits State Board of Education from requiring students to perform community service as condition of graduation from public high schools. Title: **HB 59 - Community Service** Author: Greenip Source: *StateNet*
COMPENSATORY EDUCATION		
MS	BOARD POLICY Passed 9 95	Concerns reallocation procedure for Federal Compensatory Education Funds. Title: **Reallocation Procedure for Federal Compensatory Education Funds** Source: *StateNet*
CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION EDUCATION		
AL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Prohibits institutions of higher education from providing college-level courses to inmates of Alabama's penal system. Title: **HB 274 - Higher Education and the Penal System** Author: Guin Source: *StateNet*

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CA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 8 95	Requires state director of corrections to implement two-year prison education pilot program designed to increase inmate literacy through computer-assisted instruction in six correctional facilities. Requires department to develop standardized curriculum and to assess each inmate's literacy improvement with pre- and post-tests. Title: **SB 775 - Prison Education Pilot Program** Author: Costa Source: *StateNet*
GA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 95	Provides that certain parolees shall be required to obtain General Educational Development (GED) equivalency diploma or other education as condition of parole. Title: **HB 229 - GED as Condition of Parole** Author: Simpson Source: *StateNet*
IA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 5 95	Requires prison inmates to demonstrate functional literacy competence at or above 6th-grade level or make progress toward completion of GED. Title: **SB 120 - Educational Requirement for Inmates** Author: Tinsman Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires inmates who participate in education program provided by or through Department of Corrections to reimburse state for costs if education results in postsecondary degree or credit toward one. Title: **SB 1310 - Incarcerated Persons Pay Back State for Education** Author: Jacobs Source: *StateNet*
KY	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Specifies that no financial aid will be disbursed to students who are inmates or incarcerated in penal institutions unless funds first have been provided to all other eligible students. Title: **HB 285 - Financial Awards to Students in Penal Institutions** Author: Richards Source: *StateNet*
MD	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Alters circumstances under which inmates shall be required to meet education standards for mandatory education program under regulations adopted by the Education Coordinating Council for Correctional Institutions. Expands application of regulations to inmates who have 12 months or more to be served before mandatory supervision release date and who have attained minimum standard in reading. Title: **HB 1073 - Education Standards for Mandatory Education Program for Inmates** Author: Davis Source: *StateNet*
OK	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 5 95	Creates 16-member legislative Task Force on School Residency, Educational Services and Temporary Juvenile Detention until January 1, 1996 to study current system of determining school residency, financing, responsibility for, cost and provision of educational services to students and temporary juvenile detention in adult facilities. Title: **HCR 1036 - Task Force on School Residency** Author: Hager Source: *StateNet*

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CURRICULUM (also see ASSESSMENT/TESTING, HEALTH, INSTRUCTION METHODS and SECONDARY EDUCATION)		
AR	BOARD POLICY Passed 3 96	Endorses character education program, recognized by national Character Education Partnership, nonpartisan coalition of organizations and individuals concerned about moral crisis confronting America's youth. Title: **Board Endorses Character Program** Source: Arkansas School Boards Association
CA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Requires school district or state schools for the handicapped to get written permission from student's parent or guardian prior to providing student with AIDS prevention instruction. Also requires that written notice to parents or guardians regarding AIDS prevention instruction include accurate summary of content of instruction. Title: **AB 2248 - AIDS Prevention Instruction** Author: Baldwin Source: *StateNet*
CO	LEGIS./CODE Killed 5 96	Requires schools receiving funds under Comprehensive Health Education Act to offer parents choice between two tracks for teaching sexual education. One track emphasizes moral and character education, abstinence from sexual activity, and refusal and avoidance skills as they relate to sexual activity. The second track emphasizes abstinence, consequences of sexual activity and measures to lessen risks of sexual activity. Directs Department of Education to develop guidelines for both tracks. Title: **HB 1022 - Sex Education** Author: Musgrave Source: Colorado Association of School Boards, *Billboard*, January 12, 1996; May 10, 1996
CO	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 5 96	Establishes kindergarten reading-readiness level. State board will identify and approve instruments for assessing readiness as well as literacy and reading comprehension in grades 1, 2 and 3. By 1998-99 school year, each district must implement state assessment. Individual literacy plans must be formed for each student if literacy falls below established state level. Each plan shall include: (1) sufficient instructional time to develop pupil's reading comprehension skills; (2) parents' agreement to implement home reading program to support and coordinate with school; (3) student placement, if necessary, in summer reading tutorial program. Districts must reassess each individual literacy plan each semester until pupil is reading at or above grade level and must retain pupils in 3rd grade if they are below state reading comprehension level. Districts must report annually on the number and percentage of pupils enrolled in 3rd grade who read at or above 3rd- grade level, have individual literacy plan, increase literacy and reading comprehension by two or more grades during one year of instruction. Students with disabilities are exempt from these requirements, although literacy plans may be incorporated into individual education plans. Title: **HB 1139 - Colorado Basic Literacy Act** Author: Anderson Source: Colorado Association of School Boards, *Billboard*, January 19, 1996; May 10, 1996; *Colorado Education Association Journal*, April 1996
CT	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Requires State Board of Education to encourage and help school boards include holocaust education and awareness as part of instructional program in public schools and inservice training programs. Board must do this within available appropriations using available resources. Title: **PA 95-101, SSB 126 - Holocaust Education** Source: Connecticut General Assembly, 1995 Legislation

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CT	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Increases student knowledge of African American History and personal financial management. Title: **HB 5509 - Multi-Cultural Curriculum of African American History** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
DE	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Creates Educational Science in Motion Fund within State Treasury to fund two traveling science vans. Gives State Board of Education approval of expenditures from the fund. Title: **SB 148 - Establishment of Education Science in Motion Fund Within State Treasury** Author: Sokola Source: *StateNet*
FL	BOARD POLICY Passed 8 95	Gives commissioner authority to approve course curriculum frameworks for grades 6-12 for basic and adult secondary programs and to determine publication dates for these frameworks. Title: **FAC 6A-1.09412 - Course Curriculum Frameworks Grades 6-12 Basic and Adult Secondary Programs** Source: *StateNet*
GA	LEGIS./CODE Killed 2 96	Relates to education competencies and core curriculum, provides for development and implementation of character curriculum in Georgia public schools. Title: **HB 1563 - Implementation of Core Curriculum and Character Education in Public Schools** Author: Von Epps Source: *StateNet*
HI	BOARD POLICY Passed 9 95	Requires sex education teachers to teach that abstinence is "surest and most responsible way" to avoid unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Although abstinence is already part of curriculum, pressure from some students and community members prompted state board to adopt resolution emphasizing abstinence over birth control. New policy allows instruction in use of birth-control methods. Title: "Hawaii Sex Educators to Promote Abstinence" Source: *Education Week*, September 10, 1995
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires all high school students to complete course in CPR in order to graduate, beginning with class of 1998. Title: **HB 4127 - CPR Graduation Requirement** Author: Kawakami Source: *StateNet*
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Establishes Papahana Kaiapuni Hawaii, Hawaiian language immersion program in all public schools. Appropriates funds for implementation in FY1996-97. Title: **SB 3199 - Hawaiian Language Immersion Program** Author: Chumbley Source: *StateNet*

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HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Requests more focus on character development education in elementary education and secondary education. Title: **SCR 60 - Character Development Education** Author: Chumbley Source: *StateNet*
ID	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Establishes Reading Recovery program and provides method for determining allocation of funds. Title: **SB 1399 - Reading Recovery Program** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Requires public schools to include unit of instruction on events of Hispanic-American History. Authorizes State Board of Education to make guideline instructional materials available to school districts, but provides for each school board to determine minimum instruction time that qualifies as unit of instruction. Title: **HB 3231 - Hispanic-American History** Author: Martinez Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Eliminates requirement that school districts include high school course in safety and driver education and practice driving. Provides that the course, if offered, may be taught by licensed commercial driving instructor. Title: **SB 1892 - Eliminating Driver's Education** Author: Butler Source: *StateNet*
KY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Authorizes and directs State Board for Elementary and Secondary School and Department of Education to promote and support integration of character education into public school curriculum. Requires Department of Education to survey schools for models and disseminate successful models as curriculum guidelines. Title: **HJR 48 - Character Education** Author: Fletcher Source: *StateNet*
KY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Encourages reading preamble to Kentucky Constitution at start of school day. Title: **SB 101 - Citizenship Education** Author: Roeding Source: *StateNet*
MA	LEGIS./CODE Pending 6 95	Establishes comprehensive health education program in all public school districts. Title: **H 5102 - Health Education Program** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
MN	LEGIS./CODE Killed 96	Provides that no public school district shall publish, disseminate or use any material that promotes or advocates homosexuality as acceptable lifestyle. Title: **SB 600 - No Promotion or Advocacy for Homosexuality Sex Education** Author: Russell Source: *StateNet*

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MS	LEGIS./CODE Killed 1 96	Requires health class for 7th graders and allocates funds for schools. Title: **HB 382 - Health Classes for 7th Graders** Author: Blackmon Source: *StateNet*
MS	LEGIS./CODE Killed 1 96	Requires that abstinence be taught as part of school health program. Title: **HB 652 - Sex Education** Author: Green Source: *StateNet*
MS	LEGIS./CODE Killed 1 96	Requires character education. Title: **HB 692 and SB 2045 - Citizenship, Character Education** Author: Banks Source: *StateNet*
MS	LEGIS./CODE Killed 1 96	Requires implementation of health education program in K-12 schools by 1998-99. Title: **HB 782 - Health Education Program** Author: Scott Source: *StateNet*
MS	LEGIS./CODE Killed 1 96	Stipulates that high school history be taught from original documents. Title: **HB 831 - History Taught from Original Documents in High School** Author: Smith Source: *StateNet*
MS	LEGIS./CODE Killed 1 96	Requires phonics to be taught in all 1st-grade classes. Title: **HB 835 - Phonics Should be Taught in all 1st-Grade Classes** Author: Smith Source: *StateNet*
MS	LEGIS./CODE Killed 1 96	Urges State Board of Education to require multicultural curriculum for students and multiethnic relations training for school personnel. Title: **SB 2712 - Multicultural Curriculum and Multiethnic Training** Author: Johnson Source: *StateNet*
NC	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Provides for parental review of and places certain restrictions on any instruction on sexually transmitted diseases or out-of-wedlock pregnancy given as part of comprehensive school health program. Changes appointments to the State School Health Advisory Committee. Requires public schools to offer "Abstinence Until Marriage" program. Authorizes local school boards to offer comprehensive sex education when certain requirements concerning review and local approval are satisfied. Title: **HB 834 - Parental Review of Sexual Education Curriculum** Author: Hayes Source: *StateNet*

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NJ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	AB 530 requires public school sex education and AIDS education programs to stress abstinence. AB 532 makes family-life education courses optional, and AB 534 establishes family-life education committees to review and approve such curriculum and materials. Title: **AB 530, AB 532, AB 534 - Sex Education** Author: Crecco and Rocco, Crecco and Farragher, Crecco and Farragher Source: *StateNet*
NJ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Provides that $3 million of unclaimed state lottery prize money be used annually to establish Reading Recovery and gifted and talented programs in public school districts. Title: **AB 905 - Reading Recovery and Gifted and Talented Programs** Author: Rocco Source: *StateNet*
NJ	LEGIS./CODE Pending 2 96	Establishes Assembly Task Forces on Core Curriculum. Title: **AR 10 - Core Curriculum** Author: Collins Source: *StateNet*
NY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Permits schools to establish courses of instruction in sign language as part of foreign language curriculum. Such courses will provide work requirements and credits commensurate with other foreign language courses offered. Title: **SB 6266 - Credit for Sign Language** Author: Nozzolio Source: *StateNet*
NY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Enacts Literacy Restoration Act which requires that English be taught by direct, intensive, systematic phonetics method. Title: **AB 9606 - Teaching Reading Through Phonetics** Author: Prentiss Source: *StateNet*
OH	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 5 95	Requires state colleges of education to provide instruction in teaching intensive, systematic phonics. Requires successful completion of course in teaching phonics prior to receipt of certain teaching certificates. Title: **HB 366 - Teaching of Phonics** Author: Vesper Source: *StateNet*
OK	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Allows parental inspection of curriculum and materials used in sex education or certain related programs or tests and optional participation in such classes or programs. Requires district superintendent to notify parents and guardians of right to inspect curriculum and material. Requires Board of Education approval of curriculum and materials. Title: **HB 1072 - Parent Rights for Approval of Sex Education** Author: Hager Source: *StateNet*

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TN	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Enacts "Right to Read Act of 1996," specifying that no later than the 1997-98 school year, all boards of education shall require systematic, intensive and direct teaching of phonics and its application to written word analysis in all public schools. Title: **HB 2908/SB 2878 - Right to Read Act** Author: Callicott Source: *StateNet*
UT	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Requires school curricula and activities to include study of American heritage documents and allows display of important excerpts from or copies of those documents in the schools. Title: **HB 14 - History Curriculum** Author: Nielsen Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 94	Sets up Reading Recovery program for students identified as at risk of reading failure in elementary schools. Purpose is to develop strategies that promote reading and independent learning skills and better equip teachers to provide reading instruction. Title: **22.1-208.2 - Virginia Reading Recovery Program** Source: Code of Virginia
VT	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Creates task force to identify programs for teaching children to read and write, and to develop techniques for strengthening teaching of primary-level reading and writing and assessing student achievement in these areas. Title: **HB 698 - Identify Programs for Teaching Children to Read and Write** Author: Vincent Source: *StateNet*
WA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Directs Center for the Improvement of Student Learning, or its designee, to develop and implement process for identifying programs proved to be effective in teaching elementary students to read. Title: **HB 2909 - Effective Reading Programs for Elementary Students** Author: Johnson Source: *StateNet*
WI	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Requires teacher training in phonics. Title: **AB 237 - Training in Phonics** Author: Duff Source: *StateNet*
DEREGULATION/WAIVERS		
FL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 12 95	Provides for waiver of certain statutes for five-year period upon approval by state education commissioner. Title: **HB 451 - School Improvement and Education Accountability** Author: Lynn Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Prohibits school districts from requesting waivers of any laws, rules or regulations pertaining to corporal punishment of students or installation of sprinkler systems in any school buildings or facilities. Title: **HB 2755 - Prohibits Waivers for Corporal Punishment or Sprinkler Systems** Author: Cowlishaw Source: *StateNet*

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IL	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 95	Amends School Code by allowing school districts to petition State Board of Education for waiver or modification of certain mandates when district can address mandate's intent in more effective, efficient or economical manner. Title: **SB 22 - Deregulation/Waivers** Author: Karpiel Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 8 95	Exempts schools for two years from requirements of School Improvement Plan and quality review visits if district completes school improvement plans in applicable curriculum areas and if student test scores "exceed" or are in top 15% of "meets" category in two of last three school years. Title: **HB 2123 - Improvement Plans** Source: "The Legislature and the Schools," Illinois State Board of Education, August 1995
ME	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Extends waivers of certain provisions of education laws. Provides districts relief due to budgetary hardship in student teacher ratios, school approval, school accreditation, implementation of gifted and talented programs, and guidance and counseling programs. Expires fall 1996. Title: **SB 634 - Waivers of Education Law** Author: Small Source: *StateNet*
MO	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Permits any urban school district under court order to desegregate to adopt policy of enrolling nonresident students who voluntarily apply for admission. Provides that enrolling district will enroll nonresident applicants whose race will help district desegregate. Title: **HB 1310 - Desegregation** Author: Tate Source: *StateNet*
WA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 5 95	Authorizes Board of Education to grant waivers from provisions of statutes relating to length of school year, student-to-teacher ratios and co-mingling of categorical funds appropriated by legislature. Title: **HB 1224 - Board of Education Granting Waivers** Author: Brumsickle Source: *StateNet*
DISCIPLINE (also see ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION, DRESS CODES/UNIFORMS, INCENTIVES/SANCTIONS, PARENT/FAMILY, SAFETY/CRIME/VIOLENCE, SPECIAL EDUCATION and STUDENTS)		
AK	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 95	Requires expulsion or suspension of students possessing deadly weapons on school grounds or parking lots or while participating in school-sponsored event. Title: **HB 28 - Possession of Weapons on School Grounds** Author: Bunde Source: *StateNet*
AL	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 10 95	Requires local boards of education to develop and implement local policies and procedures requiring expulsion of students, for period of one year, who bring to school or have in their possession a firearm in school buildings, on school grounds or buses, or at any school-sponsored function. Title: **Act 95-756, SB 249 - Gun Control** Source: Legislative Reference Service of Alabama

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AL	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 10 95	Provides immunity for teachers who use corporal punishment or otherwise maintain order when exercising such authority within his or her local board of education's policy. Requires school board to legally defend such teacher against civil charges. Provides immunity for teachers and administrators who report suspected drug abuse. Provides for school boards or employees to issue arrest warrants against anyone assaulting teacher. Title: **Act 95-539, HB 470 - Immunity for Teachers** Source: Legislative Reference Service of Alabama
AL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Provides for one-year expulsion for students possessing illegal drugs, alcohol or deadly weapons on school campus. Expelled students not eligible to attend any public school in state, but may be allowed to attend alternative schools. HB 199 includes notification to parents of student expulsion, whereas SB 245 calls for notification to both parents and law enforcement agencies. Title: **HB 199/SB 245 - Expulsion for One Year** Author: Morrow Source: *StateNet*
AL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Authorizes any juvenile court to require parents or legal guardian of child who has been declared delinquent and placed on court probation to ensure child complies with probation terms. Title: **HB 412 - Parent Responsibility of Juvenile Delinquent** Author: Box Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 10 95	Requires governing school board to set date of one year from expulsion for student expelled for possessing firearm to apply for readmission. Title: **CA AB 49 - Possessing a Firearm Expulsion** Author: Hawkins Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 10 95	Makes possession of firearm in place that one knows, or reasonably should know, is a public or private school zone punishable by imprisonment for two, three or five years. Title: **SB 624 - Safe School Zones** Author: Allen Source: *StateNet*
CO	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Authorizes school district to transmit to another school district discipline information concerning transfer student. Requires principal to communicate discipline information concerning any student to any teacher or counselor who has direct contact with student. Requires districts to identify students at risk of suspension or expulsion and to provide services to help students avoid expulsion. Once student is expelled, instructs district to take certain action to assure student receives education services from some source. Title: **SB 63 - Student Discipline** Author: Norton Source: Colorado Association of School Boards, *Billboard*, January 12, 1996; *StateNet*

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CO	LEGIS./CODE Passed 1 96	Allows local school boards to delegate responsibility to conduct crime of violence hearings. Changes definition of "habitually disruptive student" to one suspended three times during school year and requires development of remedial discipline plan after one suspension. Defines "dangerous weapon." Establishes grant program to ensure suspended students continue to receive instruction. Authorizes creation of four pilot schools for 6-9th grade students at risk of being expelled or who have been expelled for more than 30 days. Title: **HB 1203 - At-Risk Students** Author: Adkins Source: Colorado Association of School Boards, *Billboard*, January 19, 1996; May 10, 1996
CT	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Requires one-year expulsion for possessing weapon on school grounds, with case-by-case exceptions. Requires report to police and specifies that school board may expel someone for conduct seriously disruptive to education process even if misconduct occurred off school grounds. Allows special education student to be expelled for weapons-related conduct or illegal drug distribution if misconduct not caused by disability and requires alternative education opportunity during expulsion. Removes requirement that expelled students between 16 and 18 be offered alternative program if expelled more than once, even if one expulsion occurred before age 16. Allows boards to place expelled students who are at least 16 in adult education program and to reassign pupils to regular classes in another school without it constituting suspension or expulsion. Requires police who arrest any 7-20-year-old student for misdemeanor to notify district superintendent where student lives. Prohibits students from using beepers in school except in specified circumstances. Title: **PA 95-304, HB 6898 - School Safety** Source: Connecticut General Assembly
CT	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Limits use of cellular telephones by public school students. Title: **SB 291 - Use of Cellular Telephones by Students** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
DE	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Expands coverage of Comprehensive School Discipline Act from grades 6-12 to grades 3-12. Provides eligibility for supplemental grants for schools that establish site-based decisionmaking committees for discipline and attendance according to prescribed requirements. Title: **HB 281 - Comprehensive School Discipline Act** Author: Reynolds Source: *StateNet*
FL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 12 95	Requires school board to adopt rules for minimum one-year expulsion of student convicted of forcible felony involving use or threat of physical force or violence against educator. Requires notice in code of student conduct relating to such expulsion. Provides enhanced penalties for committing or attempting to commit forcible felony. Title: **HB 301 - Teachers' Protection Act of 1996** Author: Lacasa Source: *StateNet*

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FL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Authorizes teachers to remove disruptive students from classroom and establishes placement-review committee to decide where to place student if teacher does not consent to readmission. Title: **SB 834 - Teacher's Authority to Remove Disruptive Students** Author: Sullivan Source: *StateNet*
GA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 95	Authorizes local schools board to refuse to enroll or to impose disciplinary order upon student who attempts to enroll or is enrolled in district school while subject to disciplinary order of any other school system. Short-term or long-term suspension or expulsion may be imposed for time remaining in other school system's disciplinary order if offense was one for which suspension or expulsion could be imposed in enrolling school. Title: **HB 145 - Disciplinary Sanctions Upon Students Article 6, Chapter 2, Title 20, Section 4** Author: Buckner Source: *StateNet*
GA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 95	Authorizes school boards to establish policies requiring expulsion of students who bring weapons to school. Authorizes placement of such students in alternative programs. Title: **SB 281 - Expulsion of Students for Bringing Weapons to School** Author: Regan Source: *StateNet*
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Establishes statewide policy excluding from public school students who possess alcohol and illicit drugs on school grounds. Title: **SB 2151 - Exclusion for Alcohol and Illicit Drugs** Author: Chumbley Source: *StateNet*
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Establishes statewide zero-tolerance policy excluding from public school students who possess weapons on school grounds. Requires alternative education programs and superintendent report to Board of Education and legislature, including name of school, number of exclusions and type of violations involved. Title: **SB 2500 - Zero Tolerance Policy** Author: Chumbley Source: *StateNet*
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Relates to elimination of corporal punishment. Title: **HR 68 - Elimination of Corporal Punishment** Author: Isbell Source: *StateNet*
IA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Provides immunity from assault charges for person who uses force to stop fight or disturbance at school or school function. Defines truancy as delinquent act in certain cases and provides penalty. Establishes penalty for providing aid, support or shelter to runaway or truant, and provides civil penalties and loss of driver's license for truancy. Title: **SB 2406 - Discipline in School** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*

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IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Prohibits student who is suspended or expelled for weapons possession; possession, sale or delivery of illegal drugs on school property; or battering school staff member from attending school in another school district until suspension or expulsion expires. Title: **HB 3052 - Pupil Expulsion for Possession of a Weapon** Author: Cowlishaw Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 8 95	Provides that minor who is at least 15 years old and charged with manufacture or delivery of cannabis at school or in public housing shall be prosecuted as adult rather than as juvenile. Allows for dissemination of criminal records to school authorities. Title: **HB 36 - Students with Cannabis** Author: Black Source: *StateNet*
IN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Allows school principal to require student who is at least 16 years of age and who wishes to reenroll after expulsion to attend evening classes or classes for students at least 16 years of age. Title: **SB 203 - Reenrollment After Expulsion** Author: Server Source: *StateNet*
IN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Allows public school principal to discipline student who physically assaults or harms teacher or student by assigning up to 120 hours of community service or juvenile court counseling conducted in presence of school corporation representative. Title: **SB 73 - Student Assault of Teacher** Author: Howard Source: *StateNet*
KS	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 95	Requires boards of education to adopt policies requiring expulsion of pupils who possess weapons at school. Title: **SB 317 - Expulsion of Students** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
KY	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Requires local school districts to adopt policy to expel for one year students who bring weapons to school. Authorizes district to modify penalty on case-by-case basis and to provide alternative education programs for expelled students. Title: **HB 80 - Expulsion for One Year** Author: Curd Source: *StateNet*
KY	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Allows State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education to delegate to three-member panel power to expel pupil from Kentucky School for the Blind or Kentucky School for the Deaf. Title: **HB 103 - Expulsion of Students with Special Needs** Author: Curd Source: *StateNet*

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KY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Requires leave be granted without loss of salary and without effect on leave entitlement for school personnel subjected to violent conduct. Provides for school board's recovery through civil proceedings of cost of leave granted. Title: **HB 732 - Teacher Immunity** Author: Crenshaw Source: *StateNet*
LA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Requires one-year expulsion of students, regardless of age, found guilty of possessing firearm on school property. Title: **SB 842 - Gun-Free Schools** Author: Picard Source: *StateNet*
LA	LEGIS./CODE Passed 4 96	Authorizes and requires K-12 public school officials to exercise discretion in imposing disciplinary actions on students possessing firearm or knife on school property when such weapon is stored in motor vehicle and there is no evidence of student's intent to use it in criminal manner. Also removes certain exceptions to requirements that school officials take specified actions against pupil possessing firearm or knife on school property, school bus or at school-sponsored event. Title: **HB 41 - Possession by Pupil of Firearm or Knife on School Property** Author: Brun Source: *StateNet*
MD	BOARD POLICY Proposed 11 95	Adopts regulations requiring one-year expulsion of student who brings firearm onto school property. Provides for shorter period of expulsion or alternative education setting on case-by-case basis. Title: **COMAR 13A.08.01.12-1 - Expulsion for Firearms** Author: Board of Education Source: *StateNet*
MD	LEGIS./CODE Killed 1 96	Adds controlled dangerous substances and alcoholic beverages to list of offenses for which law enforcement agency making arrest of child enrolled in public school system is required to notify local superintendent. Title: **HB 217 - Arrest of Child Enrolled in Public School System for Certain Offenses** Author: Delegation Source: *StateNet*
MD	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 1 96	Requires continuum model of prevention and intervention programs for disruptive students. Sets criteria for funding those programs. Requires principals, teachers and parents to take specified actions. Allows county boards of education to require restitution. Requires State Board of Education to adopt regulations and provide assistance. Title: **HB 298 - Prevention and Intervention for Disruptive Students** Author: Taylor Source: *StateNet*
MD	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Requires county superintendent of schools to expel under certain circumstances for certain period of time disabled student who has brought firearm onto school property. Title: **HB 1254 - Expulsion of Students in Special Education** Author: Hixson Source: *StateNet*

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MD	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Broadens educators' disciplinary powers and requires statewide code of student behavior. Principals will be able to suspend students for up to 10 days, double current limit. Before returning disruptive student to class, principal must consult with teacher who referred student for discipline. Makes parents liable for up to $2,500 in restitution for property damage caused by their children and requires schools to share information about expelled students with child's new school. Title: "Maryland Law Gives Schools More Disciplinary Power" Source: *Education Week*
MN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 96	Provides that attendance at particular public school is privilege and not a right. Title: **SB 2323 - 1996 Laws, Chapter 412, Article 4, Section 1 - Attendance is a Privilege Not a Right** Author: Robertson Source: *StateNet*
MO	LEGIS./CODE Killed 12 95	Prohibits carrying firearm within 1000 feet of school. Title: **HB 888 - Firearms Within 1000 Feet of School** Author: Bray Source: *StateNet*
NC	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Authorizes expulsion without requirement that student be convicted of felony. Allows local board of education to readmit student, upon request, if student can demonstrate he or she is no longer a continued threat and if request comes after July 1 that is at least six months after expulsion decision. Board's decision to reconsider expulsion is not appealable. Title: **SB 26 - Discipline and Expulsion** Author: Perdue Source: *StateNet*
NC	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Creates offense for assaulting school bus driver. Title: **HB 496 - Discipline** Author: Sexton Source: *StateNet*
NH	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 10 95	Provides that student shall be automatically expelled for assaulting teacher; also provides constitutional authority for this legislation. Title: **HB 1286 - Automatic Expulsion for Assaulting a Teacher** Author: Mirski Source: *StateNet*
NH	BOARD POLICY Passed 11 95	Provides minimal standards for local enforcement of discipline and due process in safe school zones, including discipline of pupil who possesses or brings dangerous weapon to safe school zone. Title: **Ed 317 - Discipline and Due Process in Safe School Zones** Source: *StateNet*

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NY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Permits teachers to suspend students for up to five days and imposes instructional mandates for education of at-risk students. Also authorizes teachers to identify offensive student behavior, determine guilt and dispense punishment. Mandates districts to establish separate schools or set aside rooms for instruction of disruptive students and dictate when students must be assigned to these segregated settings. Has passed the senate. Title: **SB 5157 - Teachers Suspending Students** Source: New York School Boards, March 25, 1996
NY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 4 96	Increases authority of teachers and school principals to discipline students who disrupt educational process. Title: **SB 7411 - Teacher/Principal Authority to Discipline Students** Author: Cook Source: *StateNet*
OH	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Permits expulsion of students for up to one year for possessing firearm or knife on school property. Authorizes school districts within certain limits to temporarily deny admittance to students expelled from out-of-state school during remainder of expulsion period. HB 602 permits expulsion to be extended for rest of school year if expulsion would otherwise terminate within 15 days of end of school year. Title: **HB 602 - Expulsion for One Year/HB 64 - Expulsion for Weapons** Author: Taylor/Krebs Source: *StateNet*
OH	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Authorizes school boards to adopt certain policies related to student conduct, dress and discipline. Title: **SB 279 - Student Conduct, Dress and Discipline** Author: Nein Source: *StateNet*
OR	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Requires school districts to expel students who bring weapons to or possess, conceal or use weapons at education-related activities. Allows exceptions and allows school district to deny admission to regular school and alternative programs to students expelled from another district. Title: **SB 1159 - Expulsion of Students Bringing Guns to School** Author: Committee on Crime and Correction Source: *StateNet*
PA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 95	Requires school district or vo-tech schools to expel for one year any student who brings weapon to any school property, any school-sponsored activity or any public conveyance providing transportation to school or school-sponsored activity. Requires districts and vocational schools to develop written policies regarding expulsion and weapons possession. Does not preclude schools from offering alternative program to expelled student. Requires districts to report weapon possession to law enforcement officials and Department of Education. Title: **Act of 1995, No. 26. Section 4. Section 1317.2. - Possession of Weapons Prohibited Safe Schools Legislation** Source: Public School Code of 1949 - Omnibus Amendments

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RI	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Establishes one-year mandatory suspension as penalty for any student bringing firearm or realistic replica of firearm onto school premises. Allows superintendent to shorten such suspensions. Provides for developing alternative placements for suspended students and prevention and education activities. Title: **HB 6063 - Expulsion for Firearms** Author: Crowley Source: *StateNet*
SC	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 4 96	Prevents paging devices from being forfeited to school district and establishes procedures whereby confiscated paging devices will be returned to student or other lawful owner at end of applicable school time. Title: **HB 4875 - Possession of Paging Devices by Students** Author: Allison Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 5 95	Prohibits students from possessing unauthorized firearms on school property. Title: **HB 1790/SB 1778 - Firearms on School Property** Author: Davis Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Redefines "unruly" child to include habitual disobedience of teachers or school administrators. Title: **HB 2863/SB 2118 - Definition of Unruly Child** Author: Fowlkes Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Enacts Student and Employee Safe Environment Act, directing governing body of each local education agency to formulate code of acceptable student behavior and discipline by January 1, 1997. Title: **SB 2116 - Student and Employee Safe Environment Act** Author: Cooper Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 1 96	Allows local school boards to exclude from attendance for 365 calendar days those students expelled by another school division or private school for violating policies related to destruction of property, weapons, alcohol or drugs. Title: **HB 570 - Students Expelled by Another School** Author: Cooper Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Codifies Virginia Supreme Court decision by granting immunity from civil damages to public school teachers when acting in good faith while supervising, caring for or disciplining students unless acts or omissions resulted from gross negligence or willful misconduct. Title: **HB 1041 - Immunity for Teachers** Author: Forbes Source: *StateNet*

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VA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires parents to sign and return statement acknowledging receipt of copy of school standards for student conduct. Deletes requirement that parent sign and return statement acknowledging requirements of the standards and recognizing his or her responsibility to help school discipline the student. Punishes non-acknowledgement of receipt of conduct standards with $50 fine. Title: **HB 1101 - Parent Statement of School Standards** Author: Van Landingham Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Provides that, when facts of particular case reveal special circumstances exist and another disciplinary action or term of expulsion is appropriate, school boards must consider the following: past weapon violations, student achievement, location and type of weapon. Determines penalties for water guns; requires expulsion of 365 days for bringing weapon to school, unless changed by school board. Title: **HB 1530 - Determining Penalties for Violations** Author: Grayson Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Codifies state Supreme Court decision by granting immunity from civil damages to public school teachers when acting in good faith within their scope of employment. Title: **SB 472 - Civil Immunity for the Public and Teachers** Author: Stolle Source: *StateNet*
VT	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 95	Requires school board to adopt policies regarding weapons possession in schools to comply with federal Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994. Requires policies to include expulsion for one year and reporting to law enforcement agency if student brings weapon to school. Title: **HB 506 - Possession of a Weapon on School Property** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
WI	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 12 95	Authorizes school board to expel pupil for not less than one year for possessing firearm at school or while under supervision of school authority. School board may modify requirement on case-by-case basis. Title: **SB 113 - Pupil Suspension or Expulsion** Author: Petak and Turner Source: Wisconsin Association of School Boards, *Legislative Alert*
WI	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 8 95	Expands reasons for which 16-year-olds may be expelled from school to include repeated conduct, at school or under supervision of school authority, that disrupts school authorities' ability to maintain order or educational atmosphere. Title: **Act 32 AB 116 - Pupil Expulsion Reason Expanded** Author: Brandemuehl Source: Wisconsin Association of School Boards, *Legislative Alert*, February 17, 1996
WI	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Gives authorized public school officials and employees right to require students to provide breath samples to determine presence of alcohol whenever official or employee has reason to believe pupil has consumed alcohol on school premises or detects presence of alcohol on student. Title: **AB 718 - Alcohol Testing and Suspension of Students** Author: Freese Source: Wisconsin Association of School Boards, *Legislative Alert*, February 17, 1996; April 3, 1996; *StateNet*

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WI	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Eliminates requirement that statutory section relating to expulsions be printed on expulsion notices sent to parents; instead, will be available by request from school district clerk. Title: **AB 811 - Pupil Expulsion Hearings** Author: Ward Source: Wisconsin Association of School Boards, *Legislative Alert*, February 17, 1996; *StateNet*
WV	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Relates to authority of teachers and other school personnel; suspension or expulsion of disorderly pupils; abolition of corporal punishment; providing records of pupil discipline to principal of school to which student transfers; expungement of juvenile records; and release of information of juvenile criminal conviction to school principal. Title: **SB 485 - Authority of Teachers and School Personnel** Author: Deem Source: *StateNet*
DRESS CODES/UNIFORMS		
CT	LEGIS./CODE Passed 2 96	Allows boards of education to specify uniform for students to wear on voluntary basis. Title: **HB 5417 - Uniforms** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
DE	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Authorizes local public school boards to adopt dress code policies and requires schools within such district to adopt school uniforms. Title: **HB 176 - School Uniforms and Discipline** Author: Quillen Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Amends School Code to authorize local school councils to require students to wear uniforms. Title: **HB 2719 - Local Councils May Require Uniforms** Author: Frias Source: *StateNet*
IN	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires governing body of school corporation to adopt dress code designating uniforms for students in kindergarten through middle or junior high school. Allows parent to exempt child from code; requires dress code to be clearly drafted and reasonably designed to achieve certain purposes. Title: **SB 404 - School Uniforms** Author: Howard Source: *StateNet*
LA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 92	Allows school boards to adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement school dress code, which includes use of uniforms and which allows each parent/guardian option of using such uniforms. Title: **R.S. 17:416.7 - Dress Codes**

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MA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Prohibits school officials from abridging students' rights as to personal dress and appearance unless officials determine that such dress and appearance violate reasonable standards of health, safety and cleanliness or officials are acting in accordance with personal dress and appearance codes authorized by school committee of each city, town or regional school district after reasonable consultation with the school councils. Title: **HB 5862 - Dress Codes in Public Schools** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
MD	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 1 96	Requires Prince George's County Board of Education to require all students to wear school uniforms by 1997-98 school year. Title: **HB 736 - School Uniforms** Author: Delegation Source: *StateNet*
MI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 4 96	Encourages public schools to adopt policies requiring students to wear school uniforms in school and at school-related functions. Title: **SB 960 - Uniforms** Author: Steil Source: *StateNet*
MS	LEGIS./CODE Killed 1 96	Requires all students to wear uniforms. Title: **HB 755 - Discipline/Requiring Students to Wear Uniforms** Author: Scott Source: *StateNet*
WA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Encourages school districts to consider adopting districtwide school uniform policies. Title: **HB 2532 - School Uniforms** Author: Patterson Source: *StateNet*
WA	LEGIS./CODE Vetoed 3 96	Authorizes imposition of districtwide student dress and grooming codes. Allows schools to refuse admission to students with history of disruptive behavior and to reduce grades or deny credit for disciplinary reasons. Authorizes immediate suspension when student acts with force or violence toward teacher or administrator. Title: **HB 2613 - Dress and Grooming Codes** Author: Sterk Source: *StateNet*
WI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Authorizes school boards to adopt policy that requires students (including those enrolled in charter schools) to wear uniforms, unless parent objects. Must ensure no pupil is penalized academically or otherwise discriminated against because his or her parent or guardian has chosen to exempt him from policy. Must give parents and guardian at least six months notice before implementing policy and must help economically disadvantaged pupils purchase uniforms. Title: **AB 824 - School Uniforms** Author: Jensen Source: Wisconsin Association of School Boards, *Legislative Alert*, February 17, 1996

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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION		
AR	BOARD POLICY Passed 8 95	Develops model rural early-childhood consortium to exemplify best practices in early childhood and serve as training and development site for both students in early childhood and teachers within cooperating districts. Title: **Model Rural Early Childhood Consortium** Source: *StateNet*
GA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Enacts "Education Reform Act of 1996." Creates new Office of School Readiness and with certain functions and duties previously performed by Department of Human Resources. Title: **SB 709 - Education Excellence Reforms** Author: Taylor Source: *StateNet*
MN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 5 95	Requires Department of Human Services licensure to perform child care for school-age children. Excludes schools from licensing requirements. Title: **HB 1246 - Child Care for School-Age Children** Author: Greiling Source: *StateNet*
EDUCATION EXCELLENCE/REFORM (also see ACCOUNTABILITY and SITE-BASED MANAGEMENT)		
UT	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Provides for modified centennial schools program, elected school directors, exemptions from state and local board rules and policies to meet performance goals, flow-through of state and local monies directly to participant schools. Title: **HB 56 - Money to Schools** Author: Allen Source: *StateNet*
UT	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Requires each school district to establish policies to provide for effective implementation of personalized student education or occupation plan for each student. Provides for assistance from State Board of Education. Title: **HB 117 - Personalized Student Education Plan** Author: Protzman Source: *StateNet*
ENROLLMENT (also see CHOICE)		
AL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Requires that any Alabama high school student who successfully completes state-approved advanced-placement course and who earns certain score on Educational Testing Service Advanced Placement Examination will be granted, without further examination, minimum number of semester or quarter hours of undergraduate credit in such course at any publicly supported state institution of postsecondary or higher education. Title: **HB 486 - Credit for High School Courses in College** Author: Parker Source: *StateNet*

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DE	LEGIS./CODE Pending 5 96	Takes into account situations in which child does not live with parent but with someone to whom family court has awarded custody. Requires that legal guardianship must be obtained before child can be enrolled in school but prevents persons who have been awarded custody from having to return to family court for guardianship order before enrolling child in school. Title: **SB 379 - Legal Guardianship to Enroll Children in School** Author: Sharp Source: *StateNet*
UT	BOARD POLICY Proposed 9 95	Relates to concurrent enrollment of high school students in college courses. Makes existing rule consistent with 1995 changes in law. Clarifies legislative intent, provides for use of technology and clearer explanation of the funding process; includes definitions, student eligibility, operational procedures, student tuition, fees, credit for concurrent enrollment programs, concurrent enrollment funding, and use of concurrent enrollment funds and annual contracts. Title: **R277-713-1 through R277-713-9 - Concurrent Enrollment of High School Students in College Courses** Source: *StateNet*
EQUITY (also see AT-RISK YOUTH/DROPOUT PREVENTION)		
MN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Makes provisions of the Human Rights Act relating to sex discrimination inapplicable to restrictions in membership on athletic team or in program or event to participants of one sex whose overall athletic opportunities previously have been limited. Provides that in cases where two teams, programs or events are provided in the same sport, that one team, program or event may be restricted to members of a sex whose overall athletic opportunities previously were limited. Title: **HB 2042/SB 2015 - Equity in Athletics** Author: Kahn Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 95	Authorizes school boards to establish single-sex classes in public schools. Title: **22.1-212.1 - Single-Sex Education** Source: Code of Virginia
EXTENDED DAY		
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Requests development of plans for appropriate and affordable after-school activities for students in middle and intermediate schools. Title: **SCR 139 - After-School Activities** Author: Matsunaga Source: *StateNet*
FINANCE (also see SPECIAL EDUCATION)		
AZ	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Creates School Capital Equity Fund and Board for School Capital Facilities to provide avenue for construction funding for school districts meeting at least one of the following criteria: (1) bonding capacity per pupil of less than $4500 (elementary) or $1200 (high school) plus getting more than half its money via equalization, (2) tax rate for bonds higher than average, (3) insufficient bonding capacity and (4) total combined tax rate at least 50% higher than state average. Title: **HB 2009 - Creation of School Capital Equity Fund for School Capital Facilities** Author: Killian Source: *StateNet*

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AZ	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Provides omnibus budget reconciliation relating to education. Includes reduction in state aid for community college operations and construction after two years of declining enrollment, $174 per student state aid for charter school transportation and standard tests for pupils in grades 3-12. Title: **HB 2004a/S 1004a - Education Budget** Author: Burns Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Pending 4 96	Enacts Public Facilities Bond Act of November 1996 which, upon voter approval, would provide for issuance of state general obligation bonds not to exceed $2 billion, exclusive of refunding bonds. Provides for expenditure of $750 million of bond proceeds authorized under this act to assist in meeting capital outlay financing needs of California's public higher education system. Title: **SB 1613 - Public Facilities Bond Act of November 1996** Author: O'Connell Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 10 95	Authorizes school districts to enter into joint venture relationship for facilities construction. Districts may apply to State Allocation Board for funding for school facilities portion of cost of constructing joint venture project. Requires board to establish cost of construction for school facilities portion of joint venture project. Title: **AB 481 - Funding for School Facilities Construction** Author: Goldsmith Source: *StateNet*
CO	LEGIS./CODE Killed 5 96	Provides for 1% inflation increase in statewide base per-pupil funding for 1996-97 budget. Creates program for incentive funding to school districts that increase amount of teacher/pupil instruction time offered or which enhance professional development to improve teaching. Permits increases to be in form of longer school years for all pupils or creation of special programs for pupils needing additional academic assistance. Amount of incentive funding will correspond to amount by which teacher/pupil instruction time is increased, subject to cap of 1.5% of district's total program. Title: **HB 1195 - School Finance Per Pupil Funding** Author: Kerns Source: Colorado Association of School Boards, *Billboard*, May 10, 1996
CT	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Increases amount of state funding for school construction projects. Title: **HB 5151 - Funding for School Construction** Author: Scipio Source: *StateNet*
GA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Relates to "Georgia Lottery for Education Act" — changes definition of "educational purposes and programs"; authorizes appropriations from Lottery for Education Account to provide teachers and personnel at public postsecondary technical institutes training in use and application of computers. Title: **SB 46 - Finance Lotteries** Author: Broun Source: *StateNet*
GA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Authorizes boards of education of county and independent school districts to impose, levy and collect 1% sales and use tax for educational purposes. Title: **HR 728 - Finances** Author: Royal Source: *StateNet*

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HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Establishes income tax check-off to dedicate $1 to lower education fund and $1 to higher education fund. Title: **SB 3003 - Money Assigned to Education Funds on Income Tax Forms** Author: Ige Source: *StateNet*
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Proposes constitutional amendment to retain excess revenues in general fund for education curriculum programs. Title: **SB 3082 - Excess Revenues Retained in Educational Curriculum Programs** Author: Tam Source: *StateNet*
HI	LEGIS./CODE Repealed 1 96	Establishes in Department of Education corporation to allow not-for-profit businesses in schools. Supports enterprising efforts such as creation of products, establishment of prices, hiring staff and paying expenses. HB 3074 allows corporation to retain profits, whereas in HB 3075, profits would be retained by schools to purchase equipment or other needed material. Title: **HB 3074 and HB 3075 - Establishment of Not-For-Profit School Enterprises** Author: Takai Source: *StateNet*
IA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Relates to school finance, provides for on-time funding for new students based upon increased student enrollment and effective date. Title: **HB 2414 - School Finance** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
ID	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Creates School District Growth Fund as mechanism for school district to use levy to build additional buildings. Title: **HB 673 - Levy to Build Additional Buildings** Author: Committee on Revenue Source: *StateNet*
ID	LEGIS./CODE Killed 12 95	Creates School District Growth Fund as mechanism for school district to use levy to build additional buildings. Title: **HB 397 - School District Growth Fund** Author: Erhart Source: *StateNet*
ID	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Amends, adds to and repeals existing law to increase tax on beer and wine as well as liquor surcharge. Revenues will replace mill levy for community colleges and juvenile probation services. Title: **HB 475 - Finance/Taxation on Liquor for Community Colleges and Juvenile Probation Services** Source: *StateNet*
ID	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Provides procedure in which state citizens may sue over adequacy of public education. Title: **HB 707 - Citizens May Sue Over Adequacy of Public Education** Author: Committee on Judiciary Source: *StateNet*

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ID	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Provides that all lottery proceeds be transferred to School District Building Account and authorizes State Building Authority to enter into agreements with State Board of Education to provide school buildings. Title: **SB 1417 - Lotteries for School District Building Account** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
ID	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Establishes Reading Recovery program and provides method for determining allocation of funds. Title: **SB 1399 - Reading Recovery Program** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Amends Illinois Vehicle Code to create D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) license plates. Provides for additional $40 fee for original issuance and $27 fee for each plate renewal period. Fees to be deposited into State D.A.R.E. Fund, with money to be distributed to state police and counties for D.A.R.E. programs. Title: **HB 2916 - Drug Abuse Resistance Education License Plates** Author: Spangler Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Amends Vehicle Code and State Finance Act. Authorizes special Master Mason license plates, with fees to be paid to Illinois Masonic Foundation for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Among Children, Inc. to provide model student assistance programs in public and private schools, subject to appropriation by General Assembly and approval by secretary of state. Title: **HB 3482 - License Plates for Master Mason** Author: Rutherford Source: *StateNet*
IN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Changes school corporation's budget year from calendar year to school year, effective 1999. Requires school corporation to establish budget before February 1 for school year beginning July 1 with approval by State Board of Tax Commissioners not later than April 1. Uses prior calendar year assessed valuation to estimate revenues. Title: **HB 1132 - Budget Year** Author: Willing Source: *StateNet*
KS	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 95	Relates to authority of boards of education to purchase certain items for pupil use and to assess and collect fees for such use (i.e., textbooks, supplies). Title: **SB 191 - Purchase Items for Students and Collect Fees** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
KS	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 95	Increases base state aid per pupil. Affects definition of state-prescribed percentage for purposes of local option budgets. Allows ad valorem tax levy authority of certain districts for operation of new school facilities. Title: **HB 2152 - School District Finance** Author: Committee on Appropriations Source: *StateNet*

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KY	BOARD POLICY Passed 3 96	Mandates Board of Education adopt formula by administrative regulation to guide way in which school district funds shall be allocated to each school council; uses Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) designed for use by local school districts. Title: **702 KAR 3:246 - School Council Allocation Formula: KETS District Administrative System Chart of Accounts** Source: *StateNet*
LA	LEGIS./CODE Pending 5 96	Provides for tax credit against individual income tax for tuition payments to public and private schools and universities. Title: **HB 177 - Tax Credits for Tuition Payments** Author: Faucheux Source: *StateNet*
MN	LEGIS./CODE Killed 96	Allows school districts to levy up to $3 (now $1) per person in district for crime-related costs and adds programs for gang-resistance education training curriculum to be developed by Bureau of Criminal Apprehension as pilot program to train peace officers to teach this curriculum. Makes appropriations for grants to law enforcement agencies and school districts for such training. Sets evaluation standards. Title: **HB 2495 - Levies for Crime-Related Costs** Author: Dawkins Source: *StateNet*
MN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Raises budget reserve amount to $270 million. Reduces property tax recognition shift for school districts. Adopts 1997 property tax recognition shift adjustment. Appropriates $180 million to commissioner of children, families and learning for fiscal year 1997 to reduce property tax levy recognition percentage to replace appropriation made as result of November 1995 forecast. Provides language governing deficit or surplus contingencies. Title: **SB 2886 - Education Budget** Author: Merriam Source: *StateNet*
MS	BOARD POLICY Passed 9 95	Concerns reallocation procedure for Federal Compensatory Education Funds. Title: **Reallocation Procedure for Federal Compensatory Education Funds** Source: *StateNet*
MS	BOARD POLICY Passed 4 96	Requires school districts to spend no less than 80% on annual Title 1 budgets at participating school sites in order to improve school environments. Title: **Requiring School Districts to Spend No Less Than 80% on Annual Title 1 Budgets** Author: Department of Education Source: *StateNet*

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NE	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Requires Board of Educational Lands and Funds to develop plan for sale of certain educational lands. Title: **L 1205 - Educational Lands and Funds** Author: Bromm Source: *StateNet*
NE	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Proposes constitutional amendment to put management of education lands under legislative direction and to eliminate references to Board of Educational Lands and Funds. Title: **LR 303 - Management of Educational Lands** Author: Bohlke Source: *StateNet*
NE	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Caps amount of income tax rebate given to school districts. Makes revisions to accommodate option students (open enrollment). Includes districts' insurance tax funds in equalization formula. Clarifies that state goal providing 45% of all funding for public education applies to state as whole, not individual districts. Prescribes incentive payments for three years for school district reorganizations that move students into lower-cost tiers. Title: **LB 1050 - School Finance Revisions** Source: Bohlke
NE	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Establishes tax levy limits. From FY1988-99 to FY2000-01, limit is $1.10 per $100 of taxable valuation. Beginning FY2001-02, maximum levy for school districts decreases to $1.00 per $100 of taxable valuation. Includes some exceptions. Different limits set for community colleges and education service units. Title: **LB 1114 - Property Tax Levy Limitations** Source: Bohlke
NE	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Beginning FY97-98, a school district's general fund budget may not exceed the preceding school fiscal year budget unless 75% of school board votes yes. Generally, the district may not increase its general fund budget more than the allowable growth percentage. Title: **LB 299 - Local Government Spending Limitations Amends Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act** Source: Bohlke
NH	LEGIS./CODE Killed 4 95	Designates certain taxes and revenue to fund public kindergarten. Title: **SB 96 - Finances for Public Kindergarten** Author: Larsen Source: *StateNet*
NJ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Establishes special license plate to support education. Title: **AB 372 - Special License Plates to Support Education** Author: Holzapfel and Wolfe Source: *StateNet*

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NM	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 1 96	Allows increase of property tax rate authorized for capital improvements to public schools. Title: **HB 45 - Increase Property Tax Rate** Author: Stewart Source: *StateNet*
SC	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Enacts "Public School Facilities Assistance Act." Makes funds available to construct and renovate public school facilities. Authorizes issuance of school revenue bonds. Title: **HB 4547/SB 1117 - Public School Facilities Assistance Act** Author: Stuart/Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
SD	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Allows school boards to start budgeting process at earlier date. Title: **HB 1118 - Budgeting Process** Author: Brooks Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 5 95	Requires state funds allocation for local education agency to be calculated based on current year average daily membership, full-time equivalent average daily membership, and identified and special education students, minus 2% if enrollment growth was above 2% for year. Title: **HB 1141/SB 1467 - Finance Formula** Author: Head Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Requests Joint Oversight Committee on Education to study desirability of changing local education funding basis to average daily attendance based on students enrolled, instead of present average daily attendance based on students who answer to roll call. Title: **HJR 281 - ADA Funding** Author: Davidson Source: *StateNet*
UT	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Provides for state and local funding of Minimum School Program Act. Establishes ceiling for state contribution to maintenance and operation portion of $1,341,699,431. Establishes value of weighted pupil unit at $1,739 and distribution formulas. Provides for one-time appropriations. Makes $26,358,000 appropriation for school building aid. Contains many property tax provisions. Title: **HB 405 - Minimum School Program Act** Author: Alexander Source: *StateNet*
UT	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Establishes capital outlay foundation and capital outlay loan programs for school districts to provide revenues for capital outlay bonding, construction, renovation and debt service. Provides for qualifications to participate in the programs, termination of emergency school building needs program and basis for distribution of capital outlay monies. Title: **SB 46 - Capital Outlay Programs** Author: Taylor Source: *StateNet*

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VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 1 96	Provides that sufficient funds shall be provided from appropriations to hold all school divisions harmless by providing certain drop-out prevention conditions. Requires State Board of Education to develop and implement by July 1, 1996, a funding mechanism to ensure no school board is penalized in state funding for reducing dropout rate. Title: **HB 1525 - Funding Mechanism and Dropout Rate** Author: Hall Source: *StateNet*
VT	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Establishes that state will provide school construction aid to school districts based on district's foundation share. State will pay more aid to projects that combine school buildings. In years in which state cannot fund all approvable projects, state will prioritize projects and pay aid to those higher on the list. Title: **SB 342 - State Aid for School Construction** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
WA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Requires superintendent of public instruction to develop recommendations for new allocation formula not later than 1997-98 school year, based on initial implementation of assessment system for reading, writing, communication and mathematics. Title: **SB 6010 - New Allocation Formula** Author: McAuliffe Source: *StateNet*
WY	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Authorizes state board to lease lands to school districts for physical facilities at specified fee. Title: **HB 107 - State Land Leases** Author: Betts Source: *StateNet*
GIFTED AND TALENTED		
KY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Establishes voucher program for exceptional pupils to attend private school organized specifically for such pupils. Phase-in period to begin in 1996-97 school year. Capped at maximum of 10% of district's prior year's average daily attendance beginning in 1998-99 school year. Requires parent or guardian of eligible child to apply to participating school. Requires written response accepting or denying admission to pupil within 60 days. Title: **HB 928 - Vouchers for Exceptional Pupils** Author: Northup Source: *StateNet*
NJ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires school boards to implement identification and curriculum programs for gifted and advanced students. Title: **AB 912 - Programs for Gifted and Advanced Students** Author: Rocco Source: *StateNet*

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GOVERNANCE (also see CHARTER SCHOOLS, POSTSECONDARY, SCHOOL BOARDS, SITE-BASED MANAGEMENT and STATE)		
CA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Establishes 21-member commission to revise Education Code, comprised of 10 members appointed by governor, five by Senate Committee on Rules, five by Assembly and one by other 20 members. Commission's charge would be to develop revised Education Code for submission to legislature by January 1, 1998. Title: **AB 978 - Repeal Education Code** Author: Thompson Source: Association of California School Administrators, *Sacramento Education Legislative Letter*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Declares Legislature's intent that the duly elected local governing board of school district retain its designated powers with regard to nonfiscal operation and serve as advisory body to administrator on specified issues. Also declares Legislature's intent that administrator have power to stay or rescind decisions of governing board. Title: **AB 2415 - Governing Board of School District Retaining Its Powers** Author: McDonald Source: *StateNet*
GA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 95	Authorizes State Board of Education to establish statewide network of regional education service agencies to provide shared services and instructional programs and implement state-board required initiatives. Shared services will include: identifying or conducting research related to education improvements; planning for implementation of such improvements; developing and implementing staff development programs; developing and implementing curricula and instruction, including sequenced core curriculum adopted by state board; developing and implementing assessment and evaluation programs; identifying and using electronic technology; and developing programs, resource materials and staff development services relating to instruction on alcohol and drug abuse. Title: **HB 145 - State Grants to Local School Systems on the Basis of Achievement, Article 6, Cnapter 2, Title 20, Section 2** Author: Buckner Source: *StateNet*
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires Board of Education to be composed of 13 members apportioned among single- member districts. Limits Board of Education powers. Requires governor to appoint superintendent of education, who has jurisdiction and control over public school systems. Title: **SB 2212 - Board of Education** Author: Chumbley Source: *StateNet*
NC	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Clarifies current statutes to streamline operations of state education agency. Title: **SB 15 - State Department Reorganization** Author: Perdue Source: *StateNet*

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NC	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 5 95	Authorizes superintendent of public instruction to be secretary and chief administrative officer of State Board of Education. In that role, superintendent manages on day-to-day basis administration of free public school system, subject to direction, control and approval of state board. Creates Department of Public Instruction, headed by State Board of Education. Board reviews all state laws and policies governing public school system to ensure compliance with intent to restore constitutional authority to state board. Title: **HB 7 - Streamline the Operations of the State Education Agency** Author: Russell Source: *StateNet*
OH	LEGIS./CODE Killed 12 95	Local districts can vote to become home rule districts and are exempted from civil service law and certain provisions of state education law as well as certain state board rules and regulations. Title: **HB 331 - Home Rule School Districts** Source: Ohio School Boards Association, *Legislative Report*
SD	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Removes broad administrative authority from State Board of Education. Gives board specific authority to meet needs of children for special education and related services. Title: **HB 1130 - State Board of Education Administrative Authority** Author: Hunt Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Directs Select Oversight Committee on Education to study governing structure of public education systems in state. Relates to responsibility of Tennessee Higher Education Commission, State Board of Regents and University of Tennessee system. Title: **SJR 182 - Governing Structures** Author: Womack Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Abolishes 15-member Programs and Governance Council and its supporting agency. **Title: HB 569 - Abolishment of Programs and Governance** Author: Cox Source: *StateNet*
WA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 5 95	Declares intent to reduce state-level and school district central office administration. Directs Joint Select Committee on Education Restructuring to review current roles and responsibilities of specified state education boards and officials. Requires identification of school districts with excessively low classroom expenditures. Establishes school regulatory review task force to identify state rules not conducive to learning. Title: **HB 1027 - Reduce State-Level and School District Central Office Administration** Author: Brumsickle Source: *StateNet*
GRADING PRACTICES		
FL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Raises required cumulative gradepoint average on 4.0 scale from 1.5 to 2.0 for pupil progression, high school graduation and participation in interscholastic extracurricular student activities. Raises standards for high school grading system. Title: **SB 920 - Raising the Required GPA** Author: Harris Source: *StateNet*

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IL	BOARD POLICY Proposed 2 96	Requires high schools to use same scale in reporting all applicants' gradepoint averages to ensure equity within population of applicants for Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program. Specifies that high schools which do not submit class ranks for applicants shall have their students' scores computed using class rank of one in class size of one to allow these applicants to be included in competition. Title: **23 IAC 2755.30 to 2755.50 - Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program** Author: Student Assistance Commission Source: *StateNet*
SC	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 4 96	Requires State Board of Education to develop uniform grading system which must be used in all state public elementary and secondary schools beginning with school year 1996-97. 4.0 scale must be used in all high schools. Title: **SB 1331 - Grading Practices in Schools** Author: Reese Source: *StateNet*
HEALTH		
CA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Requires school district or state schools for the handicapped to receive written permission from pupil's parent or guardian prior to providing pupil with AIDS prevention instruction. Requires written notice to parents or guardians regarding AIDS prevention instruction to include accurate summary of the content of the instruction. Title: **AB 2248 - AIDS Prevention Instruction** Author: Baldwin Source: *StateNet*
CO	BOARD POLICY Proposed 11 95	Allows state to implement pilot program for teen pregnancy and dropout prevention. Promotes self-sufficiency, self-reliance and sense of personal responsibility in teenagers to make appropriate family planning decisions. Title: **10CCR 2505-10 MSB 95-9-20-A - Medical Assistance Rules Concerning Teen Pregnancy Prevention Pilot Program** Source: *StateNet*
FL	BOARD POLICY Passed 3 96	Provides definitions and requirements related to district and school operation of teenage parent programs. Requires teenage parent programs to document academic assistance and support provided. Provides specific services and access to school day to students served in teenage parent programs. Title: **FAC 6A-6.0525 - Teenage Parent Programs** Source: *StateNet*
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Urges negotiations to be conducted to prohibit smoking on public school campuses. Title: **HCR 253 - Smoking Prohibited on Public School Grounds** Author: Stegmaier Source: *StateNet*
IL	BOARD POLICY Proposed 3 96	Adds mumps, haemophilus influenza type b and hepatitis B to list of immunizations child must present prior to entering nursery schools, preschool programs, early childhood programs, Head Start, early intervention programs at home or other pre-kindergarten child-care programs offered or operated by school or district. Provides additional detail concerning objection of parents to immunizations on religious grounds. Title: **77 IAC 665.210 - Appendix B Child Health Examination Code** Author: Department of Public Health Source: *StateNet*

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IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Amends School Code and Illinois Dental Practice Act to allow dental hygienist, on volunteer basis and without pay, to clean teeth of economically disadvantaged school children in economically disadvantaged schools without supervision of dentist. Title: **HB 3046 - Dental Hygienist May Volunteer to Clean Teeth** Author: Boland Source: *StateNet*
KS	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Establishes teenage pregnancy prevention program, which includes teenage boys and teen fathers. Provides grants to local community agencies for teenage pregnancy prevention programs. Establishes council to assist in program administration and development. Title: **HB 2949 - Teenage Pregnancy Program** Author: Ballard Source: *StateNet*
MD	LEGIS./CODE Killed 2 96	Prohibits school health programs administered in Baltimore City public schools from dispensing Norplant. Allows public school health programs to refer students who inquire about Norplant to community-based health centers. Title: **HB 436 - School-Based Clinics and Birth Control** Author: Mitchell Source: *StateNet*
MD	BOARD POLICY Passed 4 96	Adds hepatitis B and varicella vaccines to list of immunizations required of students enrolled in public and private schools from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. To be phased in grade by grade beginning with preschool in year 2000 and including all grades by 2013. Title: **COMAR 10.06.04.03 - School Health Services and Required Immunizations Before Entry into Schools** Author: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
MI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 95	Requires comprehensive health screening as requirement for attending public schools. Title: **HB 4216 - Health Screening** Author: Porreca Source: *StateNet*
MS	LEGIS./CODE Killed 1 96	Requires scoliosis screening in schools. Title: **HB 211 - Health Practices in School** Author: Moak Source: *StateNet*
MS	LEGIS./CODE Killed 1 96	Requires to teen pregnancy prevention as part of health curriculum for students at risk of failure. Title: **SB 2678 - Teen Pregnancy Prevention** Author: Turner Source: *StateNet*
NJ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Prohibits use of tobacco products on school grounds or at school-sponsored functions. Title: **AB 1398 - Use Of Tobacco Products on School Grounds** Author: Buono Source: *StateNet*

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NM	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 03 96	Delays mandatory employment of school nurses. Title: **HB 29 - School Nurses** Author: Miera Source: *StateNet*
NY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Requires nurse be on staff in each school building when medically fragile students are in attendance or when students are at major risk of injury. Title: **AB 8874 - Requires Nurse to be on Staff in School for Medical Emergencies** Author: Sanders Source: *StateNet*
RI	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Requires all schools to have available an EpiPen, which automatically injects epinephrine into body to counteract allergic reactions. Requires all school teachers to be instructed in its use and location within building. Provides immunity for ordinary negligence in use of pen. Became law without governor's signature. Title: **HB 6898 - Availability of EpiPen in School Building** Author: Giannini Source: *StateNet*
SD	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Eliminates requirement for school health services in public schools. Title: **SB 277 - Health Services in Public Schools** Author: Aker Source: *StateNet*
UT	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Requires local school boards to implement rules for abnormal spinal curvature examinations. Title: **HB 10 - Health Rules** Author: Stephens Source: *StateNet*
IMMIGRANTS		
CA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Prohibits any person who is not lawfully present in the United States pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act from being enrolled as student in any public postsecondary education institution. Requires each public postsecondary education institution to determine citizenship status of each student who applies for admission. Title: **AB 2186 - Illegal Immigrants** Author: Conroy Source: *StateNet*
NY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Excludes illegal aliens from attending public elementary and secondary schools. Requires school districts to verify legal status of all students and their parents or guardians. Requires school districts to provide information regarding attendance of suspected illegal aliens. Title: **AB 7110 - Excludes Illegal Aliens from Attending Public Schools** Author: Stephens Source: *StateNet*

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INCENTIVES/SANCTIONS (also see ATTENDANCE)		
CA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 10 91	Permits juvenile courts to suspend, restrict or delay for one year driving privilege of minor between ages 13 and 18 who is habitual truant and ward of the court. Title: **SB 588 - Chapter 425 of 1991 Drivers License** Author: Green Source: Association of California School Administrators, *Sacramento Education Legislative Letter*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Requires superintendent of public instruction to transmit to governor and Legislature plan for establishment of incentives to improve pupil academic achievement. Plan must include, but is not limited to, financial and other positive incentives for schools and school districts that demonstrate successful academic achievement. Title: **SB 1570 - Incentives for the Improvement of Pupil Academic Achievement** Author: Greene Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Requires, to the extent permitted by federal law, county welfare department to reduce payments to recipient of assistance under the AFCE program if recipient's child is not attending school or receiving comparable education through home program. Payment can be reduced by $100 per month per truant child, up to and including maximum of $300 per month. Title: **AB 2814 - Reduction of Payments to Recipient of Assistance Whose Child is Not Attending School** Author: Committee on Human Services Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Authorizes pupils to transfer to another public school in their school district or to school in another district if their school ranks in 5th percentile or lower on achievement tests that meet superintendent's criteria for district to receive incentive funding, for two consecutive school years commencing on January 1, 1998, and each January 1. Title: **AB 3180 - Students in 5th Percentile or Lower** Author: Pringle Source: *StateNet*
DE	LEGIS./CODE Killed 6 96	Provides for expelled students to lose their driver's licenses. Title: **HB 449 - Expelled Students Lose Their Driver's License** Author: Wagner Source: *StateNet*
GA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 95	Authorizes State Board of Education to provide qualified public elementary and secondary schools and local school systems with incentive award grants, subject to appropriation by General Assembly. Grants will recognize public schools and local school systems that demonstrate high levels of performance or achievement or high levels of improved performance. Schools will be compared with other schools of similar grade levels and student populations. Amount of grants will reflect most recent full-time equivalent counts of qualified public schools or local school systems respectively, and such other factors deemed appropriate by state board. Schools or systems receiving such awards may expend these funds to improve staff development and/or instructional programming. Title: **HB 145, Article 6, Chapter 2, Title 20, Section 1 - State Grants to Local School Systems on Basis of Achievement** Author: Buckner Source: *StateNet*

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ID	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Provides for suspension of driver's license for any person under age 18 who drops out of school. Title: **SB 1472 - Suspension of Driver's License** Author: Sandy Source: *StateNet*
IL	BOARD POLICY Proposed 7 95	Implements policy and procedures designed to improve AFDC children's attendance in school and prevent future truancy. Links State Department of Education, elementary schools and established community agencies to help remove barriers that prevent children from regularly attending school. Title: **89 IAC 117.10 - Related Program Provisions** Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Amends Motor Vehicle Code and School Code. Beginning January 1, 1997, and continuing until January 1, 2002, provides, with certain exceptions, for cancellation of or refusal to issue driver's license to unmarried person under 18 years of age who fails to maintain school attendance. Title: **SB 1776 - No Driver's License if Not Attending School for Students Under 18** Author: Severns Source: *StateNet*
MD	LEGIS./CODE Died 96	Requires county board of education to notify Motor Vehicle Administration of individual who drops out of high school. Requires administration to determine whether individual holds state-issued driver's license and to revoke or not to issue driver's license to high school dropout. Title: **HB 483 - Dropouts and Driver's License** Author: McKee Source: *StateNet*
MD	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Authorizes state superintendent of schools to distribute money as recognition awards to elementary, middle and high schools that meet, exceed or show substantial improvement toward meeting standards in Maryland School Performance Program. Title: **HB 261 - Awards for Meeting Standards** Author: Taylor Source: *StateNet*
MD	LEGIS./CODE Died 96	Requires county school superintendents or private school principals to notify Motor Vehicle Administration when student is suspended or expelled from public school for disruptive behavior or truancy. Alters term "provisional driver's license" to be "provisional driver's permit." Title: **HB 1020 - Alters Term "Provisional Driver's License" To Be "Provisional Driver's Permit" When Student is Suspended, Expelled from School** Author: Conway Source: *StateNet*
MS	BOARD POLICY Passed 5 95	Establishes policy for withholding funds for failure to submit student, fiscal and personnel data. Title: **Withholding Funds** Source: *StateNet*

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NJ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Provides for financial incentives for AFDC recipients based upon school attendance and academic record. Title: **AB 1292 - Financial Incentives for Families With Dependent Children** Author: Greenwald Source: *StateNet*
NJ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Prohibits school board from establishing or administering program providing monetary payment to students for school attendance. Title: **SB 797 - Prohibits Programs Providing Monetary Payment to Students for Attendance** Author: Bennett Source: *StateNet*
NJ	LEGIS./CODE Pending 05 96	Prohibits students from competing in interscholastic athletic events if gradepoint average is less than 2.00. Title: **SB 1066 - Student Participation in Interscholastic Athletic Events** Author: Ewing Source: *StateNet*
NM	LEGIS./CODE Killed 2 96	Provides for suspension of driver's license if licensee withdraws from school. Title: **HB 611 - Dropouts and Suspended Driver's License** Author: Larranaga Source: *StateNet*
NY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 03 96	Requires minors to be in school or equivalent diploma program to receive driver's licenses or learner's permits. Requires commissioners of motor vehicles and education to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out such provisions. Title: **AB 9466 - Enrollment of Minors in School to Receive Driver's Licenses Provisions** Author: Doran
OH	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 12 95	Prohibits students who fail 9th-grade proficiency tests from getting driver's licenses. Title: **HB 527 - Proficiency Tests and Driver's Licenses** Author: Tiberi Source: Ohio School Boards Association, *Legislative Report*, December 4, 1995
RI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Relates to suspension or revocation of licenses of minors leaving school prior to age 18 without graduating. Title: **SB 2624 - Dropouts Suspension of Driver's License** Author: Enos Source: *StateNet*
SC	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Requires children of state welfare recipients to attend school and live in parents' home. Title: **HB 3613 - Family Independence Act of 1995** Author: Wilkins Source: *StateNet*

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SC	LEGIS./CODE Killed 6 96	Provides that driver's license of any child less than 18 years of age who has not graduated from high school and who is not enrolled in school shall be suspended if child is found to possess beer, wine or liquor. Title: **HB 4760 - Suspension of Minor's Driver's Licenses** Author: Easterday Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 5 95	Makes permanent provisions for denying driver's license to student who drops out of school. Title: **SB 1477/HB 1481 - No Pass No Play** Author: Womack Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Cuts AFDC payments if adult caretaker fails to have child properly immunized, to obtain preventive health care or to have child attend school. Title: **HB 2290 - Grant Payments to Aid to Families with Dependent Children** Author: Ritchie Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Passed 4 96	Clarifies that motor vehicle license or permit will be denied if student enrolled in secondary school of this or any other state is not making satisfactory academic progress. Title: **HB 2296/SB 2414 - Driver's License Denied if Not Making Satisfactory Academic Progress** Author: White Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 1 96	Prohibits persons under 15 years and six months from obtaining learners' permit if they are not in good academic standing. Title: **HB 520 - Obtaining Learner's Permit in School** Author: Reynolds Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Killed 2 96	Requires academic good standing for participation in driver's education and issuance of driver's license. School principal certifies that student has satisfactorily completed at least 70% of all assigned homework and other coursework for current academic year. Title: **HB 582 - Satisfactory Academic Progress for Driver's License** Author: Wagner Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Requires compliance with compulsory school attendance for minor to be eligible to obtain driver's license, unless commissioner finds a hardship. Title: **HB 1284 - Compulsory School Attendance and Driver's License** Author: McDonnell Source: *StateNet*
WI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Authorizes school board to notify Department of Transportation (DOT) of habitual truants. DOT required to suspend pupil's operating privilege for 30-60 days. Pupil is not eligible for occupational license permitting limited operation of motor vehicle for occupation or trade, including full-time or part-time study. Title: **SB 322 - Habitual Truants' Driving Privileges Suspended** Author: Adelman Source: Wisconsin Association of School Boards, *Legislative Alert*, February 17, 1996

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INSTRUCTION METHODS (also see CURRICULUM)		
AL	LEGIS./CODE Killed 2 96	Establishes maximum class size for grades K-3 at 18 students beginning school year 1994; grades 4-6 at 26 students beginning school year 2002; grades 7-8 at 28 students beginning school year 2003; and grades 9-12 at 24 students beginning school year 2004. Title: **HB 6 - Class Size** Author: Morrison Source: *StateNet*
AR	BOARD POLICY Passed 8 95	Provides guidelines under which local school districts may be allowed to provide summer remedial instruction for students in grades K-4 who do not perform at grade level during regular school year. Title: **Summer Supplemental Instructional Program** Source: *StateNet*
AZ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Requires that by 2000-01 school year, State Board of Education will supply local school districts with money sufficient to guarantee that each K-3 classroom has at least one certificated teacher for every 15 pupils. Program to be phased in, one grade at a time, starting with 1997-98 school year. Tests to be given to assess pupil skills. Creates committee of legislators and others to study classroom-size reduction. Title: **HB 2506 - Classroom Size Per Teacher** Author: Aguirre Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 10 95	Expresses legislative intent that fundamental skills in all subject areas, including phonics, spelling and basic computational skills, be included in future curriculum frameworks, and that such skills increase in complexity as student progresses. Title: **AB 170 - Back to Basics** Author: Alpert Source: Association of California School Administrators, *Sacramento Education Legislative Letter*, October 30, 1995
CA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Authorizes school districts to claim reimbursement for pupil summer school attendance, in addition to maximum allowable under current law, if English reading ability of more than 50% of pupils in grades 1-3 is more than one grade level below grade level pupils will enter in next school year. Title: **AB 2265 - Remedial Instruction and Summer School** Author: Villaraigosa Source: *StateNet*

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CA	LEGIS./CODE Pending 4 96	Eliminates Language Arts Enrichment Program in grades 1-3 and creates Class Size Reduction Program in grades 1-3 to reduce class size to no more than 20 pupils, on average, per certificated teacher. Superintendent of public instruction will apportion to each applicant school district an amount equal to $500 per unit of enrollment. Title: **SB 1414 - Class Size Reduction Program in Grades 1 to 3** Author: Greene Source: *StateNet*
FL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Provides eligibility requirements for participation by home education students in interscholastic extracurricular student activities offered by schools. Title: **HB 2505 and SB 1842 - Eligibility Requirements for Home Instruction** Author: Burroughs Source: *StateNet*
FL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Provides that supplemental instruction for students at risk of academic failure may be included in programs scheduled for more than 180 days. Title: **HB 2155 - Remedial Instruction for At-Risk Students** Author: Smith Source: *StateNet*
GA	LEGIS./CODE Killed 2 96	Makes students enrolled in home study programs eligible for dual enrollment in public schools. Title: **HB 1612 - Dual Enrollment for Home Schoolers** Author: Perry Source: *StateNet*
KY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	HB 289 amends statute relating to state board administrative regulations to delete multi-age and multi-ability classrooms as critical attribute for primary program. HB 109 amends statute to permit school councils to decide not to implement primary program for 5 year olds and to permit schools without councils to exempt 5 year olds upon local board approval. Title: **HB 289 and 109 - Instruction in Primary Program** Author: Moberly and Philpot Source: *StateNet*
MD	BOARD POLICY Proposed 2 96	Sets minimum requirements for provision of instructional services to public school students unable to participate in their school of enrollment due to physical or emotional condition. Establishes minimum education background for teachers of these students. Title: **COMAR 13A.03.05 - Administration of Home and Hospital Teaching for Students** Author: Board of Education Source: *StateNet*
ME	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Requires that public schools permit participation in curricular, cocurricular and extracurricular activities for students enrolled in approved equivalent instruction programs. Title: **HB 1327 - Extracurricular Activities for Home Schoolers** Author: Committee on Home Schools Source: *StateNet*

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MI	BOARD POLICY Proposed 12 95	Concerns state aid for mathematics program for educationally needy children. Title: **R 388.401-404 - State Aid for Mathematics Program for Educationally Needy Children** Author: Department of Education Source: *StateNet*
MI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 4 96	Eliminates exemption from compulsory attendance for certain children being educated at home. Title: **HB 5803 - Education at Home** Author: Profit Source: *StateNet*
MS	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 1 96	Prescribes maximum number of students for teachers. Title: **HB 1148 - Pupil Teacher Ratios** Author: Scott Source: *StateNet*
NH	LEGIS./CODE Killed 10 95	Provides that school districts shall not channel high school pupils by placing them in certain class levels or sequence of courses or influencing course selection to predetermine, inhibit or affect pupil's ability to enter college or certain profession, without written approval of pupil and his or her parent or guardian. Title: **HB 1388 - Channeling of High School Students into Certain Courses** Author: Hutchinson Source: *StateNet*
OH	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 12 95	Requires that any child receiving home instruction be permitted to participate in extracurricular activities operated by school district in which child resides. Title: **HB 512 - Home Instruction Students Participate in Extracurricular Activities** Author: Jordan Source: Ohio School Boards Association, *Legislative Report*, December 4, 1995
TN	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Allows students who are home schooled to be eligible for intercollegiate athletics. Title: **SB 2777/HB 2591 - Home School and Intercollegiate Athletics** Author: McNally Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Allows home school parent to submit notice of intent to conduct home school to superintendent after August 1 if he or she pays penalty for late notice. Title: **HB 1002/SB 1320 - Notice of Home Schooling** Author: Stulce Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requests that attention be focused on remediating academic deficiencies of students before they graduate; providing appropriate prevention, interventions and support services to at-risk students to assist them in achieving academic success; and eliminating dual diploma and tracking. Title: **SJR 113 - Remediating Academic Deficiencies** Author: Lambert Source: *StateNet*

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VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Authorizes division superintendent to seek compliance with compulsory school attendance law for any student required to attend special program during summer school session, if he determines that (1) improvement in student's academic performance is related to attendance, (2) student's parents or guardian have not been notified of attendance requirement and (3) parents have failed to cooperate. Became law without governor's signature. Title: **HB 890 - Summer Remedial Classes** Author: Connally Source: *StateNet*
WA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 95	Provides that student receiving home-based instruction or attending approved private school, and who is accepted as transfer student for participation in extracurricular activities, shall be subject to same rules as apply to other transfer students. Title: **SB 5479 - Home Instruction Transfer** Author: Hargrove Source: *StateNet*
WV	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Authorizes county boards of education to establish mandatory remedial summer school programs. Compels attendance of students who meet specific criteria. Prohibits county boards from charging tuition for such programs. Title: **HB 4150 - Remedial Summer School Programs** Author: Williams Source: *StateNet*
INTERAGENCY COLLABORATIONS		
UT	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Encourages collaboration among school districts, local health departments and private medical providers in determining needs and risks to student health and implementing plans to meet those needs and minimize risks. Provides for school nursing services incentive program to encourage collaboration. Title: **HB 135 - Collaboration Between School Districts** Author: Stephens Source: *StateNet*
KINDERGARTEN		
ID	LEGIS./CODE Killed 1 96	Requires school districts to establish kindergartens, although attendance is not compulsory. Title: **SB 1386 - Establish Kindergarten** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
ID	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Amends existing law to allow children who have completed out-of-state kindergarten to attend 1st grade, even though they are only 5 years old. Title: **HB 837 - Five Year Olds Attend First Grade** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
KY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Provides for all-day kindergarten. Title: **SB 117 - All-Day Kindergarten** Author: Saunders Source: *StateNet*

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NJ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Alters age requirement to enroll in kindergarten. Title: **AB 1242 - Kindergarten Age Requirement** Author: Azzolina Source: *StateNet*
SC	LEGIS./CODE Passed 96	Provides that 5-year-old kindergarten program in each school district must be full-day program beginning with school year 1996-97. Allows parents to elect to withhold their children from program. Authorizes school district or school to obtain annual waiver from State Board of Education for up to three years from full-day 5-year-old kindergarten requirement. SB 1219 establishes full-day as well as half-day 5-year-old kindergarten programs. Title: **HB 4719/SB 1219 - Kindergarten Program** Author: McTeer Source: *StateNet*
SD	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Provides that local school board or governing body may set school term for kindergarten programs. Title: **HB 1053 - School Term for Kindergarten** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
VT	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires child to be at least 5 years old before September 1 to enter public school kindergarten that year and at least 6 before September 1 to enter 1st grade that year. Title: **HB 633 - Kindergarten and First Grade Ages** Author: Almy-Smith Source: *StateNet*
WA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Provides that no private school may be approved that operates kindergarten program only. Title: **HB 2494 - Private Kindergarten** Author: Poulsen Source: *StateNet*

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MAGNET SCHOOLS (also see AT-RISK YOUTH/DROPOUT PREVENTION)		
AL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Provides that court may order juvenile to attend alternative school if juvenile is committed to juvenile detention facility or to Department of Youth Services if centers are unable to take juvenile due to lack of space. Title: **SB 456 - Alternative Schools for Juvenile Delinquents** Author: Bailey Source: *StateNet*
AZ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Establishes "Arizona Military Institute" as state high school, with legislators empowered to appoint candidates for enrollment. Title: **SB 1267 - Establishment of Arizona Military Institute as State High School** Author: Chesley Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 10 95	Reauthorizes school districts participating in school-based program coordination to establish alternative education and work center for school dropouts at continuation high school or adult school, or to contract with private nonprofit community-based organization to provide center. Center would be required to teach basic academic skills, operate on clinical, client-centered basis and provide programs that include specified qualities. Title: **AB 625 - Alternative Education and Work Center for School Dropouts** Author: Allen Source: *StateNet*
DE	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Authorizes local school districts to operate "satellite schools" located at worksite of employer. Protects students by requiring state board to establish rules and regulations ensuring student safety and fair admission procedures. Title: **SB 277 - Magnet Schools Run by Business** Author: Sokola Source: *StateNet*
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Appropriates funds for Hawaiian Language Immersion Program. Title: **HB 2965 - Hawaiian Language Immersion Program** Author: Tarnas Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Establishes in-school, districtwide intensive supervision center program for pupils under age 16 who are guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct. Title: **SB 1349 - In-School Districtwide Supervision Center Program** Author: Collins Source: *StateNet*
IN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Requires State Department of Education to encourage school corporations to assess need for alternative programs. Establishes school alternative program study committee to study any issue related to alternative schools for chronically disruptive students. Provides that governmental entity or employee acting within scope of employment is not liable if loss results from injury to student or student's property by employee of school corporation. Title: **HB 1420 - Alternative Programs** Author: Bosma Source: *StateNet*

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MD	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Requires continuum model of prevention and intervention programs for disruptive students. Sets criteria for funding those programs. Requires principals, teachers and parents to take specified actions. Allows county boards of education to require restitution. Requires State Board of Education to adopt regulations and provide assistance. Title: **SB 221 - Programs for Disruptive Students** Author: Miller Source: *StateNet*
ME	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Establishes High School for the Visual and Performing Arts. Title: **SB 687 - Magnet School for Visual and Performing Arts** Author: Amero Source: *StateNet*
ME	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Clarifies law establishing the Maine School of Science and Mathematics by adding language stating that the school is a state agency. Establishes treasurer position for financial management for Board of Trustees of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics. Allows Board of Trustees to sue or be sued in the name of the school. Establishes board's financing authority. Title: **HB 1035 - Maine School of Science and Mathematics** Author: O'Neal Source: *StateNet*
NJ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Establishes, on pilot basis, a "Boot Camp" style residential school program for pupils with disciplinary problems. Title: **AB 523 - Magnet Schools for Disciplinary Problems** Author: Crecco Source: *StateNet*
OH	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Authorizes school boards to create alternative disciplinary middle and high schools that may operate in certain deregulated manner and to adopt certain policies related to student conduct, dress and discipline. Title: **HB 601 - Alternative Disciplinary Schools** Author: Gardner Source: *StateNet*
RI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Establishes Alternative School Pilot Program to be adopted by Board of Regents of Elementary and Secondary Education and local school committees to educate children who have been expelled from school or otherwise determined to be unsuitable for attendance at regular school. Title: **HB 7379 - Alternative School Pilot Program** Author: Pires Source: *StateNet*
SC	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Requires school districts to develop alternative schools. Requires child expelled for more than one week to be placed in private or alternative school. Title: **HB 4807 - Development of Alternative Schools for At-Risk Students** Author: Anderson Source: *StateNet*

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MANAGEMENT		
NM	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Implements total quality management principles in the public school system. Title: **SB 463 - Total Quality Management** Author: Chavez Source: *StateNet*
MANDATES		
DE	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Ensures that regulations and legislation to advance student achievement do not impose unnecessary financial or administrative burdens or mandates on local school districts, do not conflict with state policies designed to improve student achievement in core academic subjects, and do not impede school-based decisionmaking. Title: **HB 392 - Student Achievement Not to Impose Financial Burdens on Districts** Author: Reynolds Source: *StateNet*
OH	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 8 95	Reduces or eliminates certain mandates for State Board of Education, Department of Education and school districts. Title: **HB 223 - Mandates** Author: Gardner Source: *StateNet*
NATIONAL GOALS		
US	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 96	Satisfies critics of the Clinton administration's education-reform program. Bill removes requirements that states submit plans to federal officials, allows districts to apply directly for grants if their states do not participate, and formally eliminates National Educational Standards and Improvement Council. Sponsor likely to attach Goals 2000 provisions to 1996 education appropriations bill or other legislation. Title: **S 1301 - Goals 2000** Source: "Status of Federal Legislation," *Education Week*, January 10, 1996
NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS (also see VOUCHERS)		
HI	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Requires private schools to apply to Board of Independent Schools, which shall be registered with Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Title: **SB 995 - Establishment and Supervision of Private Schools** Author: Ige Source: *StateNet*
OK	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 5 95	Deletes language which prohibits accreditation of private, parochial or other nonpublic schools unless faculty members hold state certificates and unless standards of said schools comply in every respect with those prescribed for public schools. Title: **SB 479 - Accreditation of Non-Public Schools** Author: Long Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Adds Tennessee Association of Church-Related Schools to list of standards organizations to which church-related school may apply for accreditation. Title: **HB 29/SB 605 - Accreditation Organization** Author: Davidson Source: *StateNet*

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VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Requires all local school boards and governing boards of private schools to require fingerprinting and information from National Central Criminal Records Exchange for persons who are offered or accept employment, whether temporary, permanent, part- or full-time, as condition of employment. Includes information on manslaughter, rape and felonious assaults. Provides that applicant or board may be required to pay for such records. Became law without governor's signature. Title: **SB 460 - Criminal Record Check for School Personnel** Author: Benedetti Source: *StateNet*
WA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Provides that no private school may be approved that operates kindergarten program only. Title: **HB 2494 - Private Kindergarten** Author: Poulsen Source: *StateNet*
WY	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Mandates licensing of private schools and agents. Requires on-site inspection and visitation of most secondary education licensees by State Department of Education. Title: **SB 60 - Licensing of Private Schools** Author: Zimmerman Source: *StateNet*
OFFICIAL ENGLISH		
IA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Establishes English as official state language. Provides limited-English proficiency programs in public schools. Makes appropriation for additional funding to increase number of limited-English proficient students. Title: **HB 2157 - English as Official Language** Author: Grundberg Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Expands definition of English as official language of the commonwealth to include provision that no state or local agency shall be required to provide any documents, information, literature or other written materials or provide translators in any language other than English except as otherwise provided by law. Transfers provision which previously applied only to schools to this section. Title: **SB 582 - English as Official Language** Author: Barry Source: *StateNet*
PARENT/FAMILY (also see AT-RISK YOUTH/DROPOUT PREVENTION)		
AL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Authorizes any juvenile court to require parents or legal guardian of child declared delinquent and placed on probation to ensure that child complies with terms of probation. Provides for penalties and exemptions. Title: **HB 412 - Parent Responsibility of Juvenile Delinquent** Author: Box Source: *StateNet*

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CA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 10 95	Requires superintendent of public instruction, in consultation with State Board of Education, to develop and recommend effective ways that parents, teachers, school districts and others interested in success of public education can increase parental responsibility and involvement in children's learning activities. Title: **AB 1334 - Effective School Involvement** Author: Sweeney Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Requires Education Code to protect sanctity of home and rights of parents and guardians to educate their children. AB 2983 also provides that parents have autonomy in all decisions concerning their children's participation in, and exposure to, school programs and providing private, religious or home schooling of their minor children. Title: **AB 2820 and AB 2983 - Parents Rights to Educate Their Children** Author: Baugh and Thompson Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 8 95	Prohibits State Board of Education from waiving specified provision relating to prohibited tests, questionnaires, surveys or examinations. Reenacts prohibitions against administration of test, questionnaire, survey or examination that contains any questions about pupil's personal beliefs or practices in sex, family life, morality and religion or any questions about pupil's parents' or guardians' beliefs, unless given written permission. Title: **AB 56 - Rights of Parent and Family** Author: Allen Source: *StateNet*
DE	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	States that each parent of public school student has duty to assist school in enforcing school's standards of student conduct. Gives school mechanism for compelling parental involvement in maintaining certain standards of student conduct. Provides school officials with greater flexibility in reacting to student's behavior or lack of progress. Title: **HB 428 - Parental Involvement in Maintaining Certain Standards of Student Conduct** Author: Wagner Source: *StateNet*
FL	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 11 95	Amends School Improvement and Education Accountability System by creating State Educational Goal for Parental Involvement. Title: **SB 240 - School Improvement and Education Accountability System** Author: Sullivan Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Amends Bill of Rights Article of Illinois Constitution providing that right of parents to direct education of their children shall not be infringed. Permits General Assembly to provide laws to enforce this provision. Title: **HCA 31 - Parents' Right to Direct Education of Their Children** Author: Phelps Source: *StateNet*

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KY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Requires that all instructional materials and assessments that will be used in connection with any survey, analysis or evaluation be available for inspection by parent or guardian of public school student. Requires prior written consent of parent or guardian before requesting information in various personal areas. Requires local school district superintendent to give parents, guardians and students effective notice of their rights. Title: **HB 886 - Protection of Rights of Parents and Students** Author: Hogancamp Source: *StateNet*
MN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 94	Requires Department of Education to develop guidelines and model plans for parent-involvement programs. Title: **126.69 - Parental Involvement Programs**
NH	LEGIS./CODE Killed 1 96	Provides that parents shall not be compelled to raise or educate their child in any manner to which they are conscientiously opposed. Title: **CACR 37 - Parents' Rights** Author: Wheeler Source: *StateNet*
NJ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 6 95	Creates Parents' Education Program. Title: **SB 2083 - Parent Involvement** Author: Matheussen Source: *StateNet*
NJ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 11 95	Provides that parent of child failing to attend school is subject to community service. Title: **AB 3145/SB 2330 - Parents Subject to Community Service** Author: Wolf/Ciesla Source: *StateNet*
NM	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Directs legislative education study committee to conduct study to determine methods to allow parents to become more involved with their children and their children's education. Title: **SJM 25 - Parent Involvement** Author: Cisneros Source: *StateNet*
NV	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Encourages working parents to participate fully in the lives of their children, including spending time with their children, becoming involved with their children's education and participating in school-related activities. Title: **ACR 14 - Working Parent Participation** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
NY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Enacts "Parent/Child School Visitation Act" to grant employees school conference and activity leave when such school conferences or activities cannot be scheduled other than during employee's work hours. Title: **AB 8580 - Parent/Child School Visitation Act** Author: Nolan Source: *StateNet*

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OK	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Allows parental inspection of curriculum and materials used in sex education or certain related programs or tests. Allows optional participation in such classes or programs. Requires school district superintendent to notify parents and guardians of their right to inspect the curriculum and material. Allows optional participation in sex education programs that discuss sexual behavior or attitudes. Requires approval by Board of Education of such curriculum and materials. Title: **HB 1072 - Parent Rights for Approval of Sex Education** Author: Hager Source: *StateNet*
SC	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 12 95	Authorizes employee up to eight hours of paid leave each year to attend certain elementary and secondary school conferences or activities during employee's work hours. Provides that employee, with consent of his/her employer, may be granted up to 12 hours of paid leave each year during employee's work hours to engage in certain volunteer teaching activities in such schools. Title: **HB 4336 - Parents Excused from Work to Participate in Child's School** Author: Brown Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Establishes that no student shall be required to submit to psychological treatment or experimental procedures that reveal private personal or familial information (other than required by law). Bars use of experimental procedures before review and approval of Institutional Review Board. Title: **HB 2163 - Psychological Treatment Not Required** Author: Walley Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires employer to grant employees with children reasonable time off to visit child's school to consult with teacher. Title: **HB 2348 - Time Off to Visit Child's School** Author: Fitzhugh Source: *StateNet*
UT	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Requires State Board of Education to help school districts develop guidelines and inservice programs for administrators and teachers focused on improving interaction with parents. Title: **HB 137 - Parent Involvement** Author: Larson Source: *StateNet*
UT	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Provides for modification in funding formula for centennial schools. Provides that centennial school monies may be used to provide preservice training for teachers and administrators on interacting with parents and parent advisory groups. Extends program to year 2000. Provides repeal date. Title: **HB 76 - Interaction with Parents** Author: Evans Source: *StateNet*

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VA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires parents to sign and return statement acknowledging receipt of copy of school standards for student conduct. Deletes requirement that parent sign and return statement acknowledging requirements of student conduct standards and recognizing his or her responsibility to assist school in disciplining student. Punishes nonacknowledgment of receipt of conduct standards with $50 fine. Title: **HB 1101 - Parent Statement of School Standards** Author: Van Landingham Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires state's personnel policies to permit employees to take up to 12 hours of paid leave per calendar year to attend school functions, meet with teachers or perform volunteer work in or for local schools. Title: **HB 1342 - Employees' Time Off to Attend Schools** Author: Moore Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Provides that "right of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children is a fundamental right." Title: **SJR 98 - Right of Parents** Author: Martin Source: *StateNet*
WI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Allows employee of employer with at least 50 individuals on permanent basis to take no more than four hours of school activities leave (SAL) in 12-month period. SAL may be taken to attend employee's child school activities. Employee is not entitled to receive wages or salary while taking SAL, but may substitute other types of paid or unpaid leave provided by employer, except for school activities of less than one hour. Employee who intends to take leave to attend school activity must give at least two weeks' notice. Title: **AB 307 - Leave for Guardians for School Activities** Author: Grobschmidt Source: Wisconsin Association of School Boards, *Legislative Alert*, February 17, 1996
POSTSECONDARY (also see EQUITY and GOVERNANCE)		
AR	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 95	Establishes incentives for efficient management of public colleges and universities through consolidation or merger. Title: **HB 1254 - Postsecondary** Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Pending 4 96	Enacts Public Facilities Bond Act of November 1996 which, upon voter approval, would provide for issuance of state general obligation bonds not to exceed $2 billion, exclusive of refunding bonds. Provides for expenditure of $750 million of bond proceeds authorized under this act to assist in meeting capital outlay financing needs of California's public higher education system. Title: **SB 1613 - Public Facilities Bond Act of November 1996** Author: O'Connell Source: *StateNet*

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CA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Requires California Community Colleges Board of Governors to establish statewide system of middle college high schools as broad-based comprehensive instructional program with specified goals. Requires Board of Governors to develop selection process for sites, monitor middle college high school campuses, provide oversight and advice, create database to track student outcomes and implement evaluation system. Title: **AB 2336 - Secondary and Postsecondary Education** Author: Knox Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Apportions school district funds to offset all remedial instruction costs in English or mathematics instruction provided by University of California, California State University or California community colleges. Applies to students who were enrolled in English or math courses for at least two academic years at secondary level and earned high school gradepoint average of 3.0 or higher. Title: **AB 2631 - Remedial Instruction in Postsecondary Education** Author: Firestone Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 10 95	Designates California Postsecondary Education Commission as postsecondary review entity for California, consistent with federal law until December 31, 1996. Designed to streamline postsecondary education provisions of Education Code. Title: **AB 446 - Postsecondary Education Governance** Author: Committee on Higher Education Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Requires each institution of public higher education to evaluate instructional faculty for oral and written proficiency in English language in the classroom. Provides that in an institution where majority of students speak English, faculty member unable to demonstrate proficiency in oral or written communication must improve skills as specified. Title: **SB 400 - English Proficiency in Higher Education Faculty** Author: Haynes Source: *StateNet*
CO	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Allows Colorado Commission on Higher Education, in determining academic standards for first-time admitted freshmen and transfer students, to consider nontraditional academic indicators in addition to traditional academic indicators. Title: **SB 9 - Admission Requirements for Postsecondary Students** Author: Meiklejohn Source: *StateNet*
CO	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Establishes five policy areas by which institutions of higher education may receive additional appropriations: providing students with high-quality, efficient and accelerated undergraduate education; assisting in K-12 reform and links with higher education; workforce preparation and training; use of technology to lower costs and improve the quality and delivery of education; and operational productivity and effectiveness. Title: **HB 1088 - Additional Appropriations for Institutions of Higher Education** Author: Foster Source: *StateNet*

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HI	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Allows community colleges to offer two- or four-year vocational technical education programs. Title: **Community Colleges** Author: Holt Source: *StateNet*
IL	BOARD POLICY Passed 2 96	Restructures board entities in higher education by eliminating Board of Governors and Board of Regents and establishing seven new boards. Title: **80 IAC 250.10, 250.20 - State Universities Civil Service** Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 95	Abolishes Board of Governors of the State Colleges and Universities and Board of Regents and places each university formerly under jurisdiction of those entities under separate seven-member Board of Trustees. Creates separate law applicable to governance and operation and separate revenue bond law for each such university. Title: **SB 241 - Governance for Postsecondary** Author: Dillard Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Amends University of Illinois Trustees Act to terminate terms of elected trustees on July 1, 1995. Provides that Board of Higher Education shall consist of 17 members, two of whom shall be chairmen of governing boards of University of Illinois and Southern Illinois University. Title: **SB 718 - Postsecondary Governing Boards** Author: Dunn Source: *StateNet*
KS	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 95	Establishes Kansas Council on the Future of Postsecondary Education and provides for membership, powers and duties. Title: **HB 2553 - Postsecondary Education** Author: Committee on Appropriations Source: *StateNet*
LA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Proposes constitutional amendment that mandates full funding of higher education and supplemental pay and requires, when funds are insufficient to meet all constitutional mandates, proportional reduction of all such funding. Title: **SB 33 - Funds for Higher Education** Author: Dardenne Source: *StateNet*
LA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Proposes constitutional amendment that creates and provides single board for the governance and management of public higher education. Title: **SB 34 - Single Board Governance of Higher Education** Author: Dardenne Source: *StateNet*

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MA	OTHER Active 4 96	Limits number of remedial education students to be admitted to Massachusetts state universities as of 1997. Caps remedial student population at 10% of college freshmen by September 1997 and 5% by September 1998. Responsibility for remedial education will be transferred to community colleges. Four-year colleges and community colleges encouraged to form partnerships to educate students in need of remedial help. Title: "Remedial Education Students in Postsecondary Institutions" Author: Higher Education Coordinating Council Source: *Education Week*, April 10, 1996
MS	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Increases requisite number of high school units to attend community and junior colleges. Title: **HB 513 - High School Units for Community College** Author: McCoy
NY	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Provides for auditing of courses without tuition, examination grading or credit by persons over 60 years of age at City University of New York. Title: **A 6138 - Auditing of Courses** Author: Lafayette Source: *StateNet*
RI	PROGRAM Active 3 95	Establishes committee to address issues related to role of higher education in state's telecommunications infrastructure. Includes representatives from higher education, elementary and secondary education, government agencies, business and industry, arts and cultural institutions, and libraries. Responsibilities of such External Committee on Telecommunications and Higher Education include: identification of key policy issues on the programmatic and technical aspects of telecommunications infrastructure; development of guidelines on technical parameters to connect relevant information networks and services; formulation of recommendations and draft policies and/or guidelines for consideration by Board of Governors; exploration of possible means for establishing sustained public and private partnerships, both statewide and regionally, to support system and secure long-term funding necessary to design, implement and maintain higher education telecommunications infrastructure; presentation of semi-annual progress reports to Board of Governors. Title: **External Committee on Telecommunications in Higher Education** Source: Rhode Island Office of Higher Education, March 15, 1995
SD	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Creates single university system. Title: **HB 1264 - Single University System** Author: Richter Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Directs Select Oversight Committee on Education to study governing structure of public education systems in state. Relates to responsibility of Tennessee Higher Education Commission, State Board of Regents and University of Tennessee System. Title: **SJR 182 - Governing Structures** Author: Womack Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Makes one of two student members on Tennessee Higher Education Commission a voting member. Title: **HB 2825 - Members on Tennessee Higher Education Commission** Author: Armstrong Source: *StateNet*

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WA	BOARD POLICY Proposed 4 95	States that colleges need way to deal with underage admissions because of enrollment pressure from younger students completing GEDs at earlier age, home schooling, etc. Title: **WAC 131-12-010 - Minimum Standards for Admission to a Community of Technical College** Source: *StateNet*
PRIVATIZATION		
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires Board of Education to enter into six-year agreement with Edison Project to manage two elementary schools beginning with 1997-98 school year. Title: **HB 2653 - Edison Project Agreement** Author: Ward Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Requires school district that provides pupil transportation on its own buses with its own drivers and which receives request from interested private school bus contractor to provide pupil transportation, to solicit sealed bids and publicly announce costs of providing transportation under present system. Title: **SB 961 - Private School Bus Contractor for Pupil Transportation** Author: Fitzgerald Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Amends Regional Transportation Authority Act to provide that Suburban Bus Board shall not engage in school bus operations in competition with private school bus operators. Amends School Code to provide that school district shall not be entitled to state reimbursement for expenditures for transporting pupils and school personnel by Suburban Bus Division buses. Title: **SB 1495 - Bus Board in Competition With Private School Bus Operators** Author: Fitzgerald Source: *StateNet*
NJ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Permits school boards to contract with certain organizations for education management services. Title: **SB 286 - Privatization of Educational Services** Author: Ewing Source: *StateNet*
RELIGION		
DE	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Allows voluntary student-delivered messages, including political, philosophical and religious messages, on public school property during noncompulsory student assemblies, sports events, graduation and commencement ceremonies, and other school-related student events. Title: **SB 34 - Voluntary Student Delivered Messages** Author: Venables Source: *StateNet*
KY	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Permits observation of moment of silence or reflection for one minute at commencement of first class each day. Title: **HB 28 - Moment of Silence** Author: Maggard Source: *StateNet*

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MN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 96	A moment of silence may be observed. Title: **1996 Laws, Chapter 412, Article 9, Section 10 - Moment of Silence** Source: Bill Marx, Legislative Staff, Minnesota House of Representatives
NC	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Requires observance of moment of silence in all school units. Ensures freedom of religion in public schools. Prohibits local boards of education from adopting policies that deny certain First Amendment rights. Title: **SB 140 - Observance of Moment of Silence in all School Units** Author: Carpenter Source: *StateNet*
OH	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 12 95	Permits school districts to provide for period of silence each school day for reflection or meditation upon moral, philosophical or patriotic theme. Title: **HB 490 - Period of Silence** Author: Britton Source: Ohio School Boards Association, *Legislative Report*, December 4, 1995
SC	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Provides for certain religious rights that public school may exercise. Requires written reprimand for first violation by employee who prevents or interferes with exercise of these rights. Requires termination of employee for any subsequent violations. Title: **HB 4629 - Religious Rights of Students Act** Author: Davenport Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Directs each Board of Education to establish policy for release time for religious instruction for up to 90 minutes per week. Activity to be conducted off public school property. Requires written permission from parents. No cost to be paid by school system. Attendance records to be kept and copy provided to school. Title: **HB 2899/SB 2806 - Religious Instruction 90 Minutes per Week** Author: Ramsey Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Killed 2 96	Provides for suspension or dismissal of any teacher or administrator teaching theory of evolution as fact rather than theory. Title: **HB 2972/SB 3229 - Suspension for Teaching Theory of Evolution as Fact** Author: Whitson Source: *StateNet*, *Education Week*, April 3, 1996
US	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 12 95	"Declares that (1) nothing in Constitution shall be construed to prohibit individual or group prayer in public schools or other public institutions; (2) no person shall be required by United States or any state to participate in prayer; and (3) neither United States nor any State shall prescribe content of any such prayer." Title: **HJR 16 - Amendment to US Constitution Regarding Religion** Source: American Educational Research Association, Religion and Education Special Interest Group
US	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 12 95	Prohibits provision of federal funds to any state or local education agency that denies or prevents participation in constitutionally protected prayer in schools. Title: **S 27 - Federal Funds Denied for Preventing Participation in Constitutionally Protected Prayer** Source: American Educational Research Association, Religion and Education Special Interest Group

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US	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 12 95	Designed to protect free exercise of religion by prohibiting religious coercion in schools. Title: **HR 2034 - Schoolhouse Religious Freedoms Act** Source: American Educational Research Association, Religion and Education Special Interest Group
US	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 11 95	Amends U.S. Constitution to provide greater protection for religious expression. HJ Res. 127 would specifically protect student-sponsored prayer in public schools. Title: **HJ Res 121, HJ Res 127 - Religious Liberty** Source: "Status of Federal Legislation," *Education Week*, January 10, 1996
UT	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 1 96	Permits public schools to observe period of silence each day. Title: **HB 20 - Moment of Silence** Author: Stephens Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Provides that school boards establish five-minute period at beginning of each school day to permit students to read morally or ethically relevant materials of their choice from among documents and materials originally published with public funds by federal or state government. Title: **HB 1087 - Five-Minute Period to Read Moral and Ethical Materials** Author: Marshall Source: *StateNet*
WV	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Relates to balanced treatment of teaching of creation science and evolution science in the public schools. Title: **HB 4125 - Teaching Religion** Author: Prunty Source: *StateNet*

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RESTRUCTURED SCHOOLS (see ASSESSMENT/TESTING, EDUCATION EXCELLENCE/REFORM and SITE-BASED MANAGEMENT)		
SAFETY/CRIME/VIOLENCE (also see ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION and DISCIPLINE)		
AZ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Declares that school students and staff have right to safe and drug-free schools and to work in schools where high grades mean high achievement, promotion is earned, disciplinary codes have consistent consequences for misbehavior, disruptive students are removed, and "teachers know their subject matter and how to teach it." Title: **SCR 1002 - Right to Safe Environment in Public Schools** Author: Huppenthal Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 10 95	Expands list of offenses for which pupil may or shall be suspended or expelled. Allows community schools to enroll expelled pupils in grades 1-6. Requires expelled pupils to be referred to alternative program, but does not require that pupils be served in alternative program. Title: **SB 966 - Zero Tolerance** Author: Johnston Source: Association of California School Administrators, *Sacramento Education Legislative Letter*, October 2, 1995
CO	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Authorizes school district to transmit to another school district discipline information concerning transfer student. Requires principal to communicate discipline information concerning any student to any teacher or counselor who has direct contact with student. Requires districts to identify students at risk of suspension or expulsion and provide services to help students avoid expulsion. Once student is expelled, instructs district to take certain action to assure student is receiving education services from some source. Title: **SB 63 - Student Discipline** Author: Norton Source: Colorado Association of School Boards, *Billboard*, January 12, 1996; *StateNet*
CT	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Requires police to notify superintendent of schools when student is arrested for selling, carrying or brandishing facsimile or firearm. Requires that whenever Board of Education suspends student for illegal possession of firearm or deadly weapon, it must report such violation to police. Title: **HB 5806 - Police Notify Superintendent When Student is Arrested** Author: Committee on Judiciary Source: *StateNet*
DE	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 5 95	Instructs local school district to report student criminal violations to Department of Public Instruction for crimes of assault or extortion against another student by students in grades K-3. Clarifies that school district is to report crimes involving weapons and unlawful drugs to both Department of Public Instruction and Youth Division of Delaware State Police. Title: **HB 249 - Student Criminal Violations** Author: Brady Source: *StateNet*

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FL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 12 95	Requires school board to adopt rules for expulsion for at least one year of student convicted of forcible felony involving use or threat of physical force or violence against educator. Requires notice in code of student conduct relating to such expulsion. Provides enhanced penalties for committing or attempting to commit forcible felony. Title: **HB 301 - Teachers' Protection Act of 1996** Author: Lacasa Source: *StateNet*
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Establishes statewide zero tolerance policy of exclusion from public school for students who possess any weapons on school grounds. Requires alternative education programs. Requires report by superintendent of education to Board of Education and Legislature, including name of school, number of exclusions and type of violations. Title: **SB 2500 - Zero Tolerance Policy** Author: Chumbley Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Amends Juvenile Court Act of 1987 to permit law enforcement agencies to notify appropriate school officials of identity of persons under 17 years of age who are reasonably believed to pose danger to safety of public or law enforcement officers. Allows each county or circuit court area in county with more than one circuit court area to establish multi-disciplinary agency committee. Title: **HB 3174 - Law Enforcement Agencies Identify Dangerous Persons** Author: Gash Source: *StateNet*
MD	BOARD POLICY Passed 9 95	Requires disclosure, under certain circumstances, of police and juvenile court records concerning student to superintendent of schools for jurisdiction where student is enrolled. Requires adoption of regulations to ensure information is used to provide appropriate education programming and related services to student and maintain safe and secure school environment. Title: **COMAR 13A. 08. 01 .17 - General Regulations** Source: *StateNet*
MD	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Creates and establishes State Center for Violence Prevention at Bowie State University as central repository for materials, data and information relating to violence prevention programs in state and operation of violence prevention program. Information relating to violence prevention programs are to be submitted to center. Title: **SB 708 - State Center for Violence Prevention at Bowie State** Author: Trotter Source: *StateNet*
MN	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Requires law enforcement agencies to give written notice to juvenile's school if juvenile has committed offense against another student or school staff member. Notices are to be maintained in permanent school records, but release is limited. Title: **HB 3221 - Notice of Juvenile Offenses** Author: Schumacher Source: *StateNet*
MO	LEGIS./CODE Killed 12 95	Prohibits carrying firearm within 1000 feet of school. Title: **HB 888 - Firearms Within 1000 Feet of School** Author: Bray Source: *StateNet*

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NH	BOARD POLICY Passed 11 95	Provides minimal standards for local enforcement relative to discipline and due process in safe school zones, including discipline of pupil who possesses or brings dangerous weapon in safe school zone. Title: **Ed 317 - Discipline and Due Process in Safe School Zones** Source: *StateNet*
NJ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 10 95	Authorizes 45-day alternative placement of educationally disabled pupil who brings gun to school. Title: **SB 2247 - Alternative Placement of Educationally Disabled Pupil Who Brings Gun to School** Author: Palaia Source: *StateNet*
NJ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Creates "gun-free" school areas. Title: **AB 170/AB 1469 - Creates "Gun Free" School Zones** Author: Russo/Pascrell Source: *StateNet*
NY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Creates new code of conduct requirements for students and new oversight committees to monitor district compliance. Compels parents to serve as active partners in their child's education by creating "education neglect proceedings." Requires districts to suspend students against whom criminal complaint has been filed and does not distinguish legal rights of disabled from nondisabled children. Title: **SB 762-B - School Safety and Educational Enhancement Act of 1996** Source: New York School Boards, March 25, 1996
NY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Extends criminal and civil immunity to school employees for cases where they report suspected incidents of violence. Prohibits district from taking retaliatory action against employee for reporting such incidents and allows employee to sue district for taking retaliatory action. Title: **SB 5160 - Teacher Immunity** Source: New York School Boards, March 25, 1996
PA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 95	Creates Office for Safe Schools within Department of Education to coordinate anti-violence efforts, disseminate information, provide training, conduct surveys of incidents involving acts of violence, collect records, examine what additional costs schools are incurring for these new requirements. Title: **Article XIII-A - Safe Schools (Act of 1995, NO. 26 Omnibus Amendments)** Source: House of Representatives
TN	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Enacts Student and Employee Safe Environment Act, directing governing body of each local education agency to formulate code of acceptable behavior and discipline to apply to students in each school by January 1, 1997. Title: **SB 2116 - Student and Employee Safe Environment Act** Author: Cooper Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Clarifies that juvenile's law-enforcement record is discloseable, without court order, to school personnel if juvenile is suspected of committing or has committed delinquent act on school premises that has met applicable criteria. Title: **HB 485 - Juvenile Crime** Author: Mims Source: *StateNet*

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WI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Permits law enforcement agency to release to school district administrator any information in its records relating to student possession of firearm in school zone or knife on school premises. Permits school district to make that information available to teachers and other school district officials who have legitimate education or safety interest in that information. Title: **AB 262 - Disclosure of Law Enforcement Records** Author: Hubler Source: Wisconsin Association of School Boards, *Legislative Alert*, February 17, 1996
SCHEDULING (SCHOOL CALENDAR)		
AZ	LEGIS./CODE Passed 1 96	Starting in fall 1998, all school districts are to operate year round. Title: **HB 2160 - Year Round Schools** Author: Shaw Source: *StateNet*
AZ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Increases length of school year from 175 days to 180 days; authorizes unspecified appropriation for schools. Title: **HB 2203 - Length of School Year** Author: Pickens Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Authorizes school district to claim reimbursement for pupil attendance in summer school in addition to maximum allowable under current law if English reading ability of more than 50% of pupils in grades 1-3 is more than one grade level below grade level pupils will enter in next school year. Title: **AB 2265 - Remedial Instruction and Summer School** Author: Villaraigosa Source: *StateNet*
FL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Authorizes school districts to apply to commissioner of education for funds to extend school year to 210 days or more. Title: **HB 2115 - Extending School Year to 210 Days or More** Author: Johnson Source: *StateNet*
GA	LEGIS./CODE Killed 1 96	Extends length of school year. Title: **HB 1143 - Length of School Year** Author: Smith Source: *StateNet*
KY	BOARD POLICY Proposed 9 95	Establishes school day, month and term; directs Board of Education to adopt administrative regulations governing use of school days, and ensures uniformity in school term in all state-approved schools. Title: **702 KAR 7:010 - Terms and Months** Source: *StateNet*
KY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires local boards of education to conduct year-round school programs by the 1999-2000 school year; concerns repealing experimental programs. Title: **SB 41 - Year Round Schools** Author: Metcalf Source: *StateNet*

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KY	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Relates to school calendar and adjustments necessary to deal with severe winter of 1995-96 school year. Allows local school board to extend school days. Allows local board whose schools have been closed up to 20 days to eliminate up to five low-attendance days from the average daily attendance calculation to make up instructional days missed due to severe weather conditions during 1995-96 school year. Title: **HB 513 - School Calendar** Author: Colter Source: *StateNet*
MN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 93	State requirement repealed that MN schools have a minimum of 170 instructor-student contact days in the school year. Effective August 1, 1996. Title: **Pupil Teacher Contact Days** Source: Bill Marx, Legislative Staff, Minnesota House of Representatives
UT	BOARD POLICY Passed 12 95	Requires school districts to provide minimum of 990 hours in minimum of 180 days. Provides for short-term variances and directs districts to work toward compliance with 180-day minimum. Title: **R277-419 - Pupil Accounting** Author: Department of Education Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Increases length of school year from 180 to 210 days and increases number of contractual teaching days, effective July 1, 2000, from 160 to 187. Title: **HB 744 - Length of School Year** Author: Puller Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Authorizes division superintendent to seek compliance with compulsory school attendance law for any student required to attend special program during summer school session, or if he determines (1) improvement in student's academic performance is related to attendance, (2) student's parents or guardian have not been notified of attendance requirement and (3) parents have failed to cooperate. Became law without governor's signature. Title: **HB 890 - Summer Remedial Classes** Author: Connally Source: *StateNet*
WI	LEGIS./CODE Killed 3 96	Sets September as starting date for 1996-97 school year. Title: **AB 369 - Fall Semester Start** Author: Brancel Source: Wisconsin Association of School Boards, *Legislative Alert*, February 17, 1996; April 3, 1996
WV	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Authorizes county boards of education to establish mandatory remedial summer school programs and compels attendance of students who meet specific criteria. Prohibits county boards from charging tuition for such programs. Title: **HB 4150 - Remedial Summer School Programs** Author: Williams Source: *StateNet*

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SCHOOL BOARDS (also see GOVERNANCE and SCHOOL DISTRICTS/SYSTEMS)		
CA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Declares legislative intent that duly elected local governing board of school district retain designated powers with regard to nonfiscal operation and serve as advisory body to administrator on specified issues. Administrator has power to stay or rescind decisions of governing board. Title: **AB 2415 - Governing Board of School District Retaining Its Powers** Author: McDonald Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 8 95	Authorizes governing bodies of county boards of education, school districts, community college or other districts, any board of supervisors or city council, or residents of those respective entities to submit proposal to limit number of governing body, board of supervisors or city council who may serve. Title: **SB 2 - Governing Bodies of Boards of Education** Author: Kopp Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Authorizes combined school districts formed before July 1, 1993, to change, by referendum, from electing school board members based on area of residence restrictions to at-large elections. Also eliminates certain conditions that must be met before community unit school district formed before January 1, 1975, may, by referendum, change election of school board members. Title: **HB 689 - School Board Elections** Author: Wirsing Source: *StateNet*
MS	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Authorizes expense reimbursement for school board training sessions. Title: **SB 2469 - School Board Training** Author: Ferris Source: *StateNet*
MS	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Authorizes school board members to receive annual salary in lieu of per diem. Authorizes per diem to members for attempting any mandatory school board training session. Excludes members from group insurance retirement and other fringe benefits. Title: **HB 1222 - School Boards** Author: Perry Source: *StateNet*
NY	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Supersession, suspension or removal by the chancellor of a community school board or board member that is in effect prior to commencement of new school board term may remain in effect after term. Applies to New York City school district. Title: **SB 6433/AB 9405 - Removal of Community School Board or Board Members by the Chancellor** Author: Padavan Source: *StateNet*
NY	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Provides for certain provisions of election law relating to supersession, suspension or removal of community school boards and community school board members to expire in three years. Title: **SB 6811/AB 9626 - Expiration on Removal of Community School Boards and School Board Members** Author: Connor Source: *StateNet*

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TN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 95	Provides transition mechanism for moving from appointed to elected school boards. Title: **SB 333/HB 947 - School Boards** Author: Womack Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Permits municipal school board to be appointed or elected at large as provided by charter rather than present requirement of election from districts. Title: **SB 756/HB 557 - Municipal School Board** Author: Elsea Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 5 95	Permits election of school board members to staggered terms beginning with October 1995 election. Board election day will be same day as regular November election beginning in year 2000. Title: **SB 1156/HB 1637 - Election of School Board Members** Author: Kyle Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Allows for vacancies in school board seats that were appointed to be filled by election, during transition from appointed to elected school board. Title: **HB 233 - School Board Seats** Author: Almand Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Revises provisions applicable to school board members and treats board members in manner comparable to members of local governing bodies with respect to prohibited contracts. Allows members to provide goods to school division under sealed bid procedures if two requirements are met: member must not be involved in contract process for school board, and remaining board members must find public interest for member to bid on contract. Title: **HB 749 - School Boards** Author: DeBoer Source: *StateNet*
SCHOOL DISTRICTS/SYSTEMS (also see SCHOOL BOARDS and SUPERINTENDENTS)		
AZ	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Allows school board to establish "district services program" by which it can provide goods and services to district schools, departments or other school districts and charge fee. Title: **SB 1180 - School District Services Program** Author: Huppenthal Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 8 95	Requires that any reorganization of a school district with more than 500,000 pupils in average daily attendance meet specified conditions. Title: **SB 699 - School District Reorganization** Author: Hayden Source: *StateNet*

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IA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 95	Relates to supplementary weights applicable to plan for school districts that share superintendents and provides effective and retroactive applicability dates. Title: **SB 205 - Shared Superintendents for Public School Districts** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
ME	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 5 95	Encourages local school units to enter into collaborative ventures to pursue sharing of resources by making such ventures eligible for Innovative Grants Program. Title: **HB 248 - Sharing of Resources by School Districts** Author: Reed Source: *StateNet*
OK	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Relates to annexation and consolidation — provides exception for annexing procedures and for consolidation on conditional basis. Proposes restrictions of conditional consolidated school district. Title: **HB 2081 - School District Consolidation** Author: Reese Source: *StateNet*
SCHOOL FACILITIES		
CA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 10 95	Authorizes school district to enter into joint venture relationship for purposes of school facilities construction. Authorizes school district to apply to State Allocation Board for funding for school facilities portion of cost of constructing joint venture project. Requires board to establish cost of construction for school facilities portion of project. Title: **AB 481 - Funding for School Facilities Construction** Author: Goldsmith Source: *StateNet*
CT	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Increases state funding for school construction projects. Title: **HB 5151 - Funding for School Construction** Author: Scipio Source: *StateNet*
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Requests system for allocation of funds for school repair and maintenance. Title: **HR 180 - Funds for School Repair and Maintenance** Author: Anderson Source: *StateNet*
ID	LEGIS./CODE Killed 12 95	Creates School District Growth Fund as mechanism for school districts to use levies to build additional buildings. Title: **HB 397 - School District Growth Fund** Author: Erhart Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Amends Radon Mitigation Act by requiring Department of Nuclear Safety to test for and report presence of radon and radon progeny in public elementary and secondary school buildings. States that test results are not exempt from disclosure requirements of Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Title: **HB 3097 - Radon in Public Schools** Author: Stroger Source: *StateNet*

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IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Authorizes State Board of Education to order renovation of all school buildings in East St. Louis School District 189 and all similarly situated school districts that do not meet state safety standards. Title: **HB 3321 - Renovation of School Buildings** Author: Younge Source: *StateNet*
SC	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Enacts "Public School Facilities Assistance Act," making funds available to construct and renovate public school facilities. Authorizes issuance of school revenue bonds. Title: **HB 4547/SB 1117 - Public School Facilities Assistance Act** Author: Stuart/Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
TX	BOARD POLICY Proposed 2 96	Establishes standards for adequacy of K-12 school facilities including applicability, space, minimum square foot requirements, educational adequacy and construction quality. Title: **19 TAC 61.11 to 61.14 - Applicability/Space, Minimum Square Foot Requirements/Educational Adequacy/Construction Quality** Author: Education Agency Source: *StateNet*
UT	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Establishes capital outlay foundation and capital outlay loan programs for school districts to provide revenues for capital outlay bonding, construction, renovation and debt service. Provides for qualifications to participate in programs and termination of emergency school building needs program. Provides basis for distribution of capital outlay monies. Title: **SB 46 - Capital Outlay Programs** Author: Taylor Source: *StateNet*
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT (also see EDUCATION EXCELLENCE/REFORM)		
CT	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Ensures safety of school children while travelling to and from school by requiring installation of seat safety belts in school buses. Title: **SB 581 - Safety of School Children While Travelling** Author: Committee on Transportation Source: *StateNet*
IA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 95	Recommends funding for Center for Assessment of School Effectiveness, Career Pathways, Iowa's participation in National Assessment for Educational Progress, character education, Local Arts Comprehensive Educational Strategies, Iowa Mathematics and Science Coalition and improvements in Department of Education's information management systems. Also recommends continued funding for Phase III Educational Excellence Program, including allocation of $1.25 million to New Iowa School Development Corporation and its network of nearly 100 school districts. Title: **Support for Other School Improvement Efforts** Author: Governor Branstad Source: Office of the Governor

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MN	LEGIS./CODE Killed 96	Sets up school transportation choice program to improve transportation efficiency and expand parental choice for their children's education. Sets eligibility standards. Requires districts to determine separate certificate amounts for regular and handicapped pupil transportation. Requires notice to parents explaining options and procedures to apply for choice certificate. Title: **SB 2506 - School Transportation Choice Program** Author: Reichgott-Junge Source: *StateNet*
NE	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Directs attorney general to initiate action to determine rights of non-certificated employees to participate in Public Employees Retirement System. Title: **LR 343 - Non-Certified School Personnel** Author: Wickersham Source: *StateNet*
OK	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 95	Creates 15-member Education Support Personnel Legislative Task Force to study feasibility of establishing state minimum salary schedule for education support personnel. Requires task force to prepare report detailing cost to school districts and state, criteria to be used and other information concerning feasibility of establishing such schedule. Requires submission of report to speaker of the House and Senate president pro tempore. Title: **HCR 1010 - Salary Schedule for Education Support Personnel** Author: Adair Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 95	Prohibits policy manual or statute from being construed to prohibit fundraisers that benefit less than student body as a whole if principal or school board approves fundraiser and if it benefits school's overall academic program through acquisition of supplies, equipment, computers, books and/or enrichment opportunities for one or more classrooms. **Title: SB 219/HB 950 - Fundraisers** Author: Haun Source: *StateNet*
UT	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Describes responsibilities of school employees and limitations regarding student clubs. Title: **SB 1003a - Responsibilities of School Employees** Author: Taylor Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Adds Henry County to list of school boards required to fingerprint all new employees and submit prints and relevant information through Central Criminal Records Exchange. Title: **HB 517 - Fingerprinting** Author: Reynolds Source: *StateNet*
WA	BOARD POLICY Passed 9 95	Clarifies unwritten policies and procedures for designation of small school plants as remote and necessary. Title: **WAC 180-24-400 to 180-24-415 - Remote and Necessary Small School Plants** Source: *StateNet*

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WA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 1 96	Authorizes student transportation funding for students living within one mile of school. Title: **SB 6684 - Funding for Student Transportation** Author: McAuliffe Source: *StateNet*
WA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Requires school employees with regularly scheduled unsupervised access to children to undergo record checks. Makes appropriation for such purposes. Title: **SB 6272 - School Personnel Record Check** Author: McAuliffe Source: *StateNet*
WY	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Requires school employee criminal background checks. Title: **SB 68 - School Employee Criminal Background Check** Author: Twiford Source: *StateNet*
SECONDARY EDUCATION (also see CURRICULUM)		
AK	BOARD POLICY Proposed 6 95	Deals with high school unit of credit, GED testing and teacher certification definitions. Removes reference to 8,100 minutes of class time and substitutes performance standards prescribed by local school board as definition for unit of high school credit. Updates definitions in teacher certification regulations of "approved programs" and "credit." Title: **4 AAC 06.075(f), 39.120, 12.900(a)(1) and (a)(2) - High School Unit of Credit, GED Testing, Certification Testing** Source: *StateNet*
AL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Requires State Board of Education to make public high school graduation examination available to nonpublic high schools for reasonable fee. Title: **SB 347 - High School Graduation Requirements** Author: Poole Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Commencing with the 2003-04 school year, changes the number and kinds of courses required for high school diploma. Requires pupil to pass state-adopted battery of Golden State Examination to receive high school diploma. Title: **SB 1437 - Number and Kinds of Courses Required to Receive High School Diploma** Author: Petris Source: *StateNet*
CT	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Deletes requirement that 20 credits for high school graduation be completed in grades 9-12. Provides that student 16 years of age or older who terminates enrollment at a school and seeks readmission may be denied readmission until start of next semester. Gives school districts more flexibility in placing students who are 19 years of age or older. Title: **HB 5345 - Graduation Requirements for Secondary Education** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*

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FL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 11 95	Provides procedures for high school students to attain readiness for postsecondary education and workplace. Provides five end-of-high-school destinations, one of which student will choose at end of grade 8. Provides course requirements and school district and Department of Education duties. Title: **HB 239 - Readiness for Postsecondary Education** Author: Bradley Source: *StateNet*
FL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 12 95	Raises required cumulative gradepoint average for student progression, high school graduation and participation in interscholastic extracurricular student activities. Revises provisions regarding high school grading system. Title: **HB 463 - Higher Cumulative Gradepoint Average** Author: Safley Source: *StateNet*
GA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Prohibits school districts from awarding High School Performance Certificates in lieu of diploma. Title: **HB 1464 - Graduation Requirements for High School Students** Author: Brush Source: *StateNet*
GA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 95	Revises assessment of effectiveness of education programs to provide, along with high school diploma, a "warranty" affirming student's preparation. Under certain conditions, allows a person to whom such warranty has been issued but who is identified as deficient in certain skills to enroll free of charge in related classes offered by any technical and adult education school. Prohibits use of student assessments that reveal certain beliefs. Title: **HB 128 - Assessment of Effectiveness of Educational Programs** Author: Baker Source: *StateNet*
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires all high school students to complete CPR course in order to graduate, beginning with class of 1998. Title: **HB 4127 - CPR Graduation Requirement** Author: Kawakami Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 8 95	Amends school code to allow individuals who are at least 17 years old and who have been dropouts for at least one year to take GED tests. Title: **SB 365 - Secondary Education** Author: Sieben Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 8 95	After first using GED test fees for administering and scoring the examination as required under current law, regional superintendent may next use those fees for education programs that help students successfully completing the high school-level GED test to further their academic development and ability to secure and retain gainful employment. Title: **HB 940 - Use of GED Testing Fees** Author: Black Source: *StateNet*

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KY	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Supplements high school equivalency diplomas to create external diploma that may be obtained by persons 25 years or older as alternative to GED. Requires 100% mastery on competencies established by American Council on Education. Permits Department for Adult Education and Literacy to enter into agreements with local school districts to confer diploma. Title: **HB 461 - Secondary Education** Author: Curd Source: *StateNet*
MD	LEGIS./CODE Killed 2 96	Expands provisions relating to exempting students in alternative education schools from certain requirements relating to obtaining high school diploma by examination. Title: **HB 890 - Alternative Education Students Exempt from Graduation Test** Author: Rudolph Source: *StateNet*
MO	BOARD POLICY Passed 4 96	Establishes procedure for annually reporting performance of public high school graduates during students' initial year in state colleges or universities. Title: **6 CSR 10-04.040 - Graduates' Performance Report** Author: Department of Higher Education Source: *StateNet*
MS	BOARD POLICY Enacted 95	Upgrades high school graduation requirements from 20 to 22 credits. Eliminates general mathematics and general science from curriculum; all students must take Algebra I and biology. Title: **Graduation Requirements** Source: Southern Regional Education Board, *State Initiatives in School-to-Work, A Working Paper*, 1995
OK	BOARD POLICY Proposed 12 95	Provides for recognizing outstanding academic achievement of graduating seniors. Specifies eligibility and testing requirements for obtaining certificate of high school equivalency. Makes 16 year olds eligible to test. Clarifies rules pertaining to secured documents and changes rules so that only applicable sections of student's Individualized Education Plan are requested. Reflects recentering of SAT test scores to make it easier to understand and interpret scores. Title: **OAC 210: 10-1 to 13 - School Administration and Instructional Services** Author: Department of Education Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Requires at least 165 contact hours for each high school credit unit. Title: **HB 3225/SB 2467 - Contact Hours at High School Level** Author: Patton Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Adds that results of exit examinations taken before graduation from high school be shared with legislative education committee. Title: **HB 2841/SB 2850 - Exit Exam and High School Diploma** Author: Davis Source: *StateNet*

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UT	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires students to pass test on Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution and Federalists papers prior to graduating from public high school. Provides for annual report on the requirement. Title: **HB 138 - High School Graduation Requirements** Author: Stephens Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requests that attention be focused on remediating students' academic deficiencies before they graduate, providing appropriate prevention and interventions and support services to at-risk students, and eliminating the dual diploma and tracking. Title: **SJR 113 - Remediating Academic Deficiencies** Author: Lambert Source: *StateNet*
SITE-BASED MANAGEMENT		
AZ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Reverses requirement for school council to operate under authority of principal. Council will establish school policies that principal must enforce. Title: **SB 1192 - Reverse Authority** Author: Solomon Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 8 95	Amends school code to provide that persons who have been convicted of certain specified criminal offenses are ineligible to serve as members of local school councils. Directs Chicago Board of Education to obtain criminal background investigation on all persons elected or appointed to serve on local school council. Makes it Class 3 felony for person seeking nomination or election to local school council to make a false statement. Title: **HB 731 - Site-Based Management** Author: Bugielski Source: *StateNet*
KY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Adds two student members elected by student population to school-based decisionmaking councils. Title: **HB 42 - School-Based Decisionmaking** Author: Graham Source: *StateNet*
KY	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Requires Department of Education-approved training on school-based decisionmaking for all council members. Title: **HB 205 - Training for School-Based Decisionmaking Council Members** Author: Treesh Source: *StateNet*
KY	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Permits local boards to require school councils to make annual public report on school's progress in meeting education goals set by statute and districts. Authorizes local board to adopt policy requiring principal to make annual reports describing school progress if council does not exist. Title: **HB 464 - School-Based Decisionmaking Report** Author: Clarke Source: *StateNet*

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KY	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Allows parents of students entering school during next school year to vote for parent members on school council. Requires six hours of Department of Education-endorsed training for new council members and three hours of training for council members who have one year of service. Requires favorable vote by majority of voting parents of students enrolled in a school as additional condition for granting exemption to training. Title: **SB 87 - Site-Based Management** Author: Meyer Source: *StateNet*
KY	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Requires superintendent to hire school principal after consultation with school-based decisionmaking council, as opposed to council hiring principal from list of names submitted by superintendent. Permits superintendent to have relative employed in district if relative is certified and was employed at least 36 months prior to superintendent assuming office. Title: **SB 395 - School-Based Decision** Author: Williams Source: *StateNet*
MN	LEGIS./CODE Killed 96	Provides site-based decisionmaking options for schools, requiring fund allocations by site. Title: **HB 2490/SB 2057 - Site-Based Decisionmaking** Author: Koppendrayer Source: *StateNet*
UT	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires school districts to develop guidelines and policies for implementation of site-based decisionmaking at their schools. Title: **SB 30 - Site-Based Education** Author: Stephenson Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Establishes definitions, mechanisms, limitations, etc., for granting contracts for enhanced site-based management to public schools. Requires Board of Education to develop instructions and forms designed to help schools with high concentrations of at-risk students establish contracts. Authorizes Board of Education to determine compliance exemptions from state and local law, regulations, ordinances and rules, except for state and federal constitutions. Title: **HB 1408 - Site-Based Management** Author: Van Yahres Source: *StateNet*
SOCIAL ISSUES		
LA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Provides school attendance requirements for receipt of AFDC benefits. Requires Department of Social Services to apply for appropriate federal waiver. Provides duties for Departments of Education and Social Services. Title: **SB 585 - AFDC Program** Author: Ewing Source: *StateNet*
WI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Includes "learnfare" sanction as significant change in circumstances for "work not welfare" group for adjusting benefits. Title: **AB 863 - Adjustments for Learnfare Sanction** Author: Committee on Law Revision Source: *StateNet*

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SPECIAL EDUCATION (also see ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION and DISCIPLINE)		
AZ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Provides that each school board must appoint committee of teachers and parents to advise board whether to remove mentally retarded or epileptic children or children with cerebral palsy from regular education classrooms after receiving written requests from any one teacher or five parents. Title: **HB 2027 - Inclusion Board** Author: Lynch Source: *StateNet*
AZ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Creates "extraordinary special education needs fund" for school districts with disabled students whose needs significantly exceed district resources. Title: **SB 1231 - Special Education Fund** Author: Huppenthal Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 10 95	Redefines "low incidence disability" as it relates to vision impairments and "specific learning disability" in order to safeguard funds intended for the blind from being appropriated into other programs for visually impaired. Title: **SB 181 - Special Education** Author: Ayala Source: *Sacramento Education Legislative Letter,* Association of California School Administrators, October 30, 1995
CA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 10 95	Specifies that public hospitals, state-licensed children's hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, proprietary hospitals or health facilities that did not provide special education to certain individuals with exceptional needs between ages 3 and 5, are ineligible for certification to provide special education. Title: **AB 575 - Ineligibility to Provide Special Education** Author: Knox Source: *StateNet*
CO	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Requires staffing committee that prepares individual education program for deaf child to consider child's specific communication needs, including child's mode of communication, availability of peers with whom child can communicate, and availability of appropriate education services. Clarifies that school district is not required to expend additional resources or hire additional personnel to implement these requirements. Title: **HB 1041 - Education of Deaf Children** Author: Keller Source: Colorado Association of School Boards, *Legislative Status Report*; *StateNet*
CT	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Shifts responsibility for paying for special education costs of children placed in temporary residential placements by Department of Children and Families (DCF). Shifts responsibility from towns in which children are placed to towns in which they last attended school or lived when they were removed from their homes. After one year, responsibility shifts to DCF. Title: **PA 95-237, HB 5548 - Special Education Due Process and the Cost of Special Education** Source: Connecticut General Assembly

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DE	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Assures each blind student receives individualized Braille literacy assessment and appropriate education services. Establishes standards of proficiency and instruction. Provides Braille textbooks in timely fashion. Requires publishers to facilitate Braille production. Requires certification of teachers and reduces itinerant caseloads for blind students. Increases Delaware's Braille production capabilities. Title: **SB 218 - Assessment for Students Who Are Blind** Author: Henry Source: *StateNet*
FL	BOARD POLICY Proposed 1 96	Establishes safeguards to provide for safety and welfare of student population on campus of Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind. Establishes time guidelines for dismissal of student determined to be danger to self or others or who has been determined to be medically at risk. Title: **FAC 6D-3.002 - Discipline of Special Education Students** Source: *StateNet*
FL	BOARD POLICY Proposed 1 96	Removes requirement that school districts provide parents with notice when students are placed in varying "exceptionalities" class. Title: **FAC 6A-6.0311 - Eligible Special Programs for Exceptional Students** Source: *StateNet*
GA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Makes special education students eligible for same funding whether mainstreamed or in special education classes. Title: **HB 500 - Same Funding for Special Education Students** Source: *Atlanta Constitution*, February 11, 1996; *StateNet*
ID	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Reallocates existing state general funds now used to reimburse school districts educating students with disabilities. Title: **HB 606 - Reallocation of Existing State Funds** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
LA	BOARD POLICY Proposed 10 95	Puts forth discipline procedures for students with disabilities and suspected disabilities. Title: **Discipline for Students with Disabilities** Source: *StateNet*
MD	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Requires county school superintendent to expel student with disabilities who has brought firearm onto school property under certain circumstances for certain period of time. Title: **HB 1254 - Expulsion of Students in Special Education** Author: Hixson Source: *StateNet*

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MD	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Alters certain procedures for reviewing decisions regarding students with disabilities. Establishes system for mediation of disputes concerning placement of students with disabilities. Eliminates the initial local-level tier of review and authorizes appeal of Office of Administrative Hearings' decision. Title: **HB 159 - Mediation for Placement of Students with Disabilities** Author: Hixson Source: *StateNet*
ME	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 5 95	Provides that special education student will not be denied eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities because he or she fails to meet academic eligibility standards or to enroll in certain number or type of classes if that failure is due to student's exceptionality and student is in compliance with individualized education plan. Title: **HB 544 - Extracurricular Activities for Students in Special Education** Author: Jones Source: *StateNet*
ME	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Authorizes State Board of Education to adopt rules regarding certification or authorization of early childhood personnel who provide educational programs, developmental therapy and special instruction to children with disabilities. Title: **HB 747 - Certification of Early Childhood Personnel for Special Education** Author: Ault Source: *StateNet*
MN	BOARD POLICY Passed 6 95	Includes exemptions for experimental and flexible school year programs; definitions for special education; provision of full service; least restrictive environment; parental involvement; identification of children with disabilities; responsibility for ensuring provision of instruction and services; state and district responsibility for total special education system; providing special education to shared-time pupils; state aid for special education personnel; traumatic brain injury definition and entrance criteria; early childhood; developmental adopted physical education; and exit procedures. Title: **MCAR 3500.1000 through 3525.4400 - Special Education Rules** Source: *StateNet*
MO	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Creates mediation process as means of conflict resolution between school districts and parents of students needing, or determined by the school district to need, special education. Parents and school districts may attempt to resolve differences through mediation following information resolution conference and prior to due process hearing. Title: **HB 1376/HB 1501 - Mediation Between School Districts and Parents of Students with Disabilities** Author: McClelland Source: *StateNet*
NC	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Prohibits State Board of Education from adopting or enforcing any rule that requires Algebra I as graduation standard or as requirement for high school diploma for students identified as learning disabled in the area of mathematics. Title: **SB 701 - Graduation Requirements** Author: Perdue Source: *StateNet*

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NJ	BOARD POLICY Passed 11 95	Clarifies district responsibility for disciplining pupils with educational disabilities. Holds that pupil with educational disabilities may be suspended for up to 10 school days without initiating action by the Child Study Team. States that Child Study Team must determine whether pupil's misconduct was caused primarily by educational disability. Eliminates requirement for automatically conducting Child Study Team evaluation of pupil not previously identified as potentially educationally disabled, prior to initiating expulsion proceedings. Title: **NJAC 6:28-2.8 (a) - Special Education Disciplinary Action** Source: *StateNet*
NJ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 10 95	Authorizes 45-day alternative placement for educationally disabled pupil who brings gun to school. Title: **SB 2247 - Alternative Placement of Educationally Disabled Pupil Who Brings Gun to School** Author: Palaia Source: *StateNet*
NM	BOARD POLICY Passed 8 95	Gives local school boards discretion to determine appropriate sanction(s) for students with disabilities who violate student conduct rules. Establishes appropriate procedures for long-term suspension or expulsion of students with disabilities. Title: **81-3 - Public School Discipline of Students with Disabilities** Author: Department of Education Source: *StateNet*
NM	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Requests State Department of Public Education to encourage all public school districts to become eligible Medicaid providers. Provides district-by-district assessment of reasons why public school districts are unable to become eligible providers under state Medicaid program. Title: **HJM 2 - Eligible Medicaid Providers** Author: Gurule Source: *StateNet*
NM	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Requests Department of Health to conduct study of professional licenses for personnel in community programs that serve young children with developmental disabilities. Title: **SJM 48 - Professional Licenses for Personnel Who Serve Children with Developmental Disabilities** Author: Stefanics Source: *StateNet*
SC	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Provides that students with discalculia and other documented learning disabilities in mathematics may use calculator on math portions of exit examination. Title: **HB 3685 - Exit Examination for Students with Disabilities** Author: Walker Source: *StateNet*
SD	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Provides for special education voucher for parents or guardians of certain students. Title: **HB 1318 - Special Education Voucher** Author: Koskan Source: *StateNet*

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SD	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Removes broad administrative authority from State Board of Education and provides specific authority to meet special education needs. Title: **HB 1130 - State Board of Education Administrative Authority** Author: Hunt Source: *StateNet*
SD	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Includes certain costs as extraordinary special education costs. Title: **HB 1158 - Costs of Special Education** Author: Nicolay Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 5 95	Directs Oversight Committee on Education to review, examine and evaluate needs of disabled students in public school, impact of required services and formulation of alternative ways to provide medical or related services. Title: **HJR 80 - Special Education** Author: Davidson Source: *StateNet*
US	LEGIS./CODE Pending 1 96	House and Senate aides have circulated draft legislation that would make it easier for school officials to reassign or expel disruptive disabled students, encourage mediation, require schools to set high standards for disabled students and consolidate some programs. Title: **Special Education** Source: "Status of Federal Legislation," *Education Week*, January 10, 1996
VA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Provides weighted formula for calculating pupil-teacher ratios when special education students are educated in general education classroom. Title: **HB 1465 - Special Education Weighted Formula** Author: Dillard Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 1 96	Requires reimbursement from state pool of funds for reasonable tuition costs and charges for special education placements in private, nonsectarian schools, agencies or institutions when child's individualized education program calls for such placement. Allows Board of Education to reimburse local school boards for special education placement from such funds as may be appropriated for that purpose. Title: **SB 340 - Reimbursement from State for Special Education Costs** Author: Martin Source: *StateNet*
WA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Declares that students may receive instruction in Braille reading and writing as part of individualized educational program. Requires instruction to be sufficient to enable student to communicate effectively at level commensurate with student's sighted peers. Requires special education teachers responsible for educating visually impaired children to demonstrate competency in reading and writing Braille. Title: **HB 1078 - Instruction in Braille** Author: Ogden Source: *StateNet*

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STAFFING		
HI	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Requires Department of Education to maintain minimum staffing level of one full-time equivalent teacher position per grade level per school for kindergarten to 6th grade. Exempts school with fewer than 12 students in any one grade. Title: **SB 396 - Minimum Staffing Requirement** Author: McCartney Source: *StateNet*
STANDARDS (also see ACCOUNTABILITY and ASSESSMENT/TESTING)		
AK	BOARD POLICY Passed 3 96	Deals with high school unit of credit, GED testing and teacher certification definitions. Removes reference to 8,100 minutes of class time and substitute performance standards prescribed by local school board as definition for unit of high school credit. Updates definitions in teacher certification regulations of "approved programs" and "credit." Title: **4 AAC 06.075 (f) - High School Unit of Credit, GED Testing, Certification Testing** Author: Department of Education Source: *StateNet*
AK	BOARD POLICY Proposed 7 95	Establishes student performance standards for arts, world languages and technology. Title: **4 AAC 04.110, .120 and.130 - Student Performance Standards** Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Provides that Commission for the Establishment of Academic Content and Performance Standards consist of 50 members, as specified. Changes name to Commission for the Establishment of Academic Content Standards. Requires the commission to hold 12 public hearings throughout state to solicit public input with respect to developing standards. Title: **AB 2105 - Establishment of Task Force Commission for Academic Content and Performance Standards** Author: Baldwin Source: *StateNet*
ME	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Initiates education reform by requiring Department of Education, in consultation with State Board of Education, to establish comprehensive statewide system of learning results no later than the 2002-03 school year. Title: **SB 701 - Learning Results Legislation** Author: Amero Source: *StateNet*
MI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Provides for mandatory core curriculum content standards in education. Title: **HB 5507 - Mandatory Core Curriculum Content Standards** Author: Agee Source: *StateNet*
MO	BOARD POLICY Passed 4 96	Establishes academic standards that demonstrate knowledge, skills and competencies necessary for students to successfully advance through public elementary and secondary education systems. Title: **5 CSR 50-375.100 - Academic Standards** Source: *StateNet*

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NJ	BOARD POLICY Proposed 2 96	Recommends statewide core curriculum content standards in seven academic areas, as well as workplace readiness standards to be learned throughout content areas. Standards are in arts, comprehensive health and physical education, language arts and literacy, mathematics, science, social studies and world languages. Workforce readiness standards are in career preparation, information technology and other tools, critical thinking, decisionmaking and problem solving, self-management and safety principles. Title: **Core Curriculum Content Standards** Source: New Jersey State Department of Education
NY	BOARD POLICY Proposed 2 96	Approves tentatively learning standards in English language arts, and mathematics, science and technology. Standards will be reviewed by panel of nationally known experts before final approval by the Regents in July. Once approved, standards will be used to redesign state tests. Title: **Regents Grant Initial Approval to New Learning Standards** Source: New York School Boards, February 19, 1996
OK	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 5 95	Deletes language relating to use of outcome-based curriculum standards for accreditation. Title: **HB 1441 - Outcome-based Curriculum Standards** Author: Hager Source: *StateNet*
PA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 12 95	Provides for establishment of education standards for school entities, process to develop standards and accountability and appropriations. Title: **SB 1352 - Educational Standards** Author: Rhoades Source: *StateNet*
PA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 95	Provides for investigation of local impact of recent changes in law, regulation and policy at federal and state levels relating to education standards and goals and to student social, emotional and behavioral development. Title: **HR 37 - Education Standards and Goals** Author: Rohrer Source: *StateNet*
VA	BOARD POLICY Active 6 95	Adopts Standards of Learning in mathematics, science, English, and history and social science. New standards set targets and expectations for what teachers need to teach and students need to learn. Provides greater accountability on the part of public schools and gives local school boards autonomy and flexibility to offer programs that best meet students' education needs. Title: **Standards of Learning for Virginia Public Schools** Source: Board of Education
VT	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Establishes goals, standards and assessment tools for students. Requires school districts to report annually on their performance and financial situation to their communities. Allows State Board of Education to waive any law for any school district. Makes joining or withdrawing from supervisory union a local option. Allows establishment of education service providers for school districts. Title: **HB 676 - Establishment of Goals, Standards and Assessment Tools for Students** Author: Houston Source: *StateNet*

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WA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Directs superintendent of public instruction to grant funds to selected school districts to develop and implement pilot programs to bring elementary students up to standards in reading, writing, communications and math established by Commission on Student Learning. Title: **HB 2799 - Implementing Standards in Elementary Grades** Author: Brumsickle Source: *StateNet*
STATE (also see GOVERNANCE)		
CA	LEGIS./CODE Killed 3 96	Amends or repeals many sections of Education Code to reestablish "permissive Education Code," enacted in 1976. Title: **AB 2923 - Education Code** Author: Alpert Source: Association of California School Administrators, *Sacramento Education Legislative Letter*, March 25, 1996; *StateNet*
FL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Provides for review or repeal of portions of Florida School Code over four-year period. Title: **SJR 2752 - Review of Florida School Code** Author: Dyer Source: *StateNet*
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Recodifies certain chapters of the school code into one chapter and makes conforming amendments to other laws. Title: **HB 3252 - State Education Code** Author: Stegmaier Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Deletes language that gives state primary responsibility for financing system of public education. Adds section relating to funding and accountability for elementary and secondary education. Requires General Assembly to provide criteria and incentives for efficient, high-quality education system. Title: **SJR 84 - Amend the Education Article of the Illinois Constitution** Author: Maitland Source: *StateNet*
MI	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 1 96	Revises Michigan's School Code. Major categories of change include: eliminating 300 "unnecessary and burdensome" sections; providing school districts with more local control and flexibility; establishing "schools of choice" system; uncapping number of charter schools that can be granted; caps charter schools at 150 until year 2000; adds new reporting and admission provisions; ties longer school year/day to state aid increases in foundation grant; eliminates State Board of Education and Department of Social Services as issuers of charters, redefines free breakfast mandate on basis of school's population; and permits merit pay for teachers. Title: **SB 679 - Revision of Michigan School Code** Author: Stille and DeGrow Source: Michigan Association of School Boards, *Headlines*, October 6, 1995, January 5, 1996

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NE	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Recodifies Chapter 79 by deleting all current section numbers and renumbering in new organizational scheme and updates statutory language. One of largest bills ever enacted by legislature. Title: **LB 900 - Transfer, Combine and Eliminate Sections Relating to Education** Source: Bohlke
SD	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 95	Abolishes nearly 100 state statutes and more than 500 administrative rules governing K-12 education to give local governments more control. Title: "South Dakota Rewrite Should Stay Simple" **Source: *Education Week*, November 19, 1995**
STUDENT AID		
CT	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Provides scholarships at public institutions of higher education to students who maintain at least "B" average. Title: **HB 5418 - Connecticut Scholarship Fund** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
STUDENTS (also see ATTENDANCE, INCENTIVES/SANCTIONS and SUBSTANCE ABUSE)		
CT	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Limits use of cellular telephones by public school students. Title: **SB 291 - Use of Cellular Telephones by Students** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
FL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 12 95	Makes it unlawful for any person under 18 years of age to smoke tobacco in, on or within 1000 feet of public or private school between 6 a.m. and midnight. Provides civil penalty not to exceed $250 or 50 hours of community service for violations. Title: **SB 322 - Under 18 and Smoking Tobacco** Author: Wexler Source: *StateNet*
GA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 95	Provides for public access to certain juvenile court hearings and records, fingerprinting and photographing of juveniles and sharing information on juvenile arrests and court proceedings between public and school agencies. Title: **SB 156 - Student Records** Author: Clay Source: *StateNet*
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires Department of Education to adopt rules allowing schools to randomly test students for abuse of controlled substances. Allows parent/guardian to exempt student from drug testing. Allows school to prohibit student from participating in any extracurricular high school activity or event if student refuses to be drug-tested. Requires student who tests positive for first time to be referred to counseling and rehabilitation. Prohibits disciplinary and other punitive actions against such students. Title: **HB 2853 - Random Testing of Controlled Substances** Author: Morihara Source: *StateNet*

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HI	LEGIS./CODE Passed 1 96	Requires Department of Education to adopt rules requiring public school students who participate in high school athletic events to be tested for abuse of controlled substances. Prohibits student from participating in high school athletic event unless he or she has been tested. Requires student who tests positive for first time to be referred for counseling. Title: **HB 3175/SB 2619 - Students Participating in High School Athletic Events to be Tested for Substance Abuse** Author: Morihara/Chumbley Source: *StateNet*
HI	LEGIS./CODE Passed 4 96	Requests Board of Education to study, and consider modifying, 2.0 gradepoint-average rule for students to participate in co-curricular activities. Title: **SCR 169 - Gradepoint Average for Co-Curricular Activities** Author: Kawamoto Source: *StateNet*
ID	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Makes it illegal for student to make frivolous and bad-faith accusations of harassment or abuse against school district employee. Title: **SB 1509 - False Accusations of Student** Author: Committee on Judiciary Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Pending 4 96	Presents bill of rights and responsibilities for learning. States that democratic citizenship and productive adulthood begin with standards of conduct and achievement in school and declares all students and school staff have right to learn and work in schools that are safe, orderly and drug free and in school districts, schools and classrooms with clear discipline standards. Title: **HJR 98 - Rights and Responsibilities for Student Learning** Author: Winkel Source: *StateNet*
MN	LEGIS./CODE Killed 96	Authorizes students to participate in extracurricular activities in other schools. Title: **SB 2138/HB 2265 - Participation in Extracurricular Activities** Author: Finn Source: *StateNet*
NC	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Provides U.S. flag for every public school classroom and requires students to recite Pledge of Allegiance every day. Title: **HB 65 - U.S. Flag in Classrooms** Author: Miller Source: *StateNet*
NH	LEGIS./CODE Killed 10 95	Establishes parent and student rights law and specifies certain information to be provided by school to parent or pupil. Title: **SB 653 - Parent and Pupil Rights** Author: Wheeler Source: *StateNet*

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OK	LEGIS./CODE Killed 1 96	Requires State Department of Education to implement electronic student tracking system. Requires use of certain identification numbers. Modifies authorized uses of Social Security account number. Authorizes education department to develop alternative student data number system for certain purposes. Title: **HB 2498 - Student Tracking System** Author: Anthony Source: *StateNet*
OK	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 95	Requires school principal to review teacher recommendation that student be retained at present grade level or not passed in course. Provides for parent conference and appeals process. Authorizes parent to prepare written statement for placement in student's permanent record stating reason for disagreeing with board's decision. Title: **HB 1056 - Retention of Students** Author: Staggs Source: *StateNet*
SC	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 4 96	Prohibits school district from retaining confiscated paging devices and establishes procedures under which these devices will be returned to student or other lawful owner at end of school time. Title: **HB 4875 - Possession of Paging Devices by Students** Author: Allison Source: *StateNet*
SC	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 95	Approves Board of Education regulations relating to criteria for promoting students to next grade. Title: **HB 3507 - Promotion of Students** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
UT	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 4 96	Relates to responsibilities of school employees and limitations regarding student clubs. Title: **SB 1003a - Student Clubs** Author: Taylor Source: *StateNet*
SUBSTANCE ABUSE		
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires Department of Education to adopt rules requiring public school students who participate in high school athletic events to be tested for abuse of controlled substances. Prohibits student from participating in high school athletic event unless he or she has been tested for abuse of controlled substances. Requires student who tests positive for first time to be referred for counseling. Title: **HB 3175/SB 2619 - Students Participating in High School Athletic Events to be Tested for Substance Abuse** Author: Morihara/Chumbley Source: *StateNet*
ID	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Provides sanctions for students illegally using drugs in public schools and intervention by trained teachers and counselors. Title: **HB 754 - Sanctions for Students Using Illegal Drugs** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*

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IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Amends Illinois Vehicle Code to create D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) license plates. Provides for additional $40 fee for original issuance and $27 fee for each plate renewal period. Fees from these plates will be deposited into state D.A.R.E. Fund, with money to be distributed to state police and counties for D.A.R.E. programs. Title: **HB 2916 - Drug Abuse Resistance Education License Plates** Author: Spangler Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Provides for mandatory, random testing for controlled substance and alcohol use by students participating in interscholastic athletics. Title: **HB 950 - Random Drug Testing** Author: Wagner Source: *StateNet*
SUPERINTENDENT (also see ADMINISTRATOR/PRINCIPAL and GOVERNANCE)		
IA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 95	Relates to shared superintendents for supplementary weighing plan for public school districts. Provides effective and retroactive applicability dates. Title: **SB 205 - Shared Superintendents for Public School Districts** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
NY	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Provides that superintendent or associate superintendent of schools in city of 250,000 or more shall hold his position for not more than four years, rather than six. In all cities, these people shall serve at pleasure of school board, with term not to exceed five years in smaller cities. Title: **AB 7801/SB 5209 - Term of Superintendent** Author: Committee on Rules Source: *StateNet*
WA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 5 95	Allows retired administrators to serve as replacement administrators without reduction of pension benefits. Applies to persons employed as replacement administrators after December 31, 1994. Title: **SB 6045 - Replacement Administrators** Author: Bauer Source: *StateNet*
TEACHER AIDES/PARAPROFESSIONALS		
FL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Replaces term "teacher aide" with "education paraprofessional" and authorizes school districts to adopt program for career development of education paraprofessionals. Title: **SB 938 - New Term for Teacher's Aide** Author: Johnson Source: *StateNet*
RI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 9 95	Creates special senate commission to study criteria for certifying teacher aides/assistants and to make recommendations. Title: **SB 1533 - Certification of Teacher Aides** Author: O'Leary Source: *StateNet*

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TEACHER CERTIFICATION		
AZ	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Amends statutory subsection by which State Board of Education supervises and controls teacher certification by noting that board's rules cannot require certificated teachers to obtain masters' degrees or any additional graduate courses as condition of certification or recertification. Title: **SB 1024 - Supervision and Control of State Board of Education for Teacher Certification** Author: Huppenthal Source: *StateNet*
CO	BOARD POLICY Passed 7 95	Establishes standards and criteria for issuance of licenses and authorizations to teachers, special services providers, principals and administrators. Calls for State Board of Education to adopt three-tiered system of licensure for education personnel which includes provisional license for entry-level educators, professional license for experienced educators and voluntary master certificate for outstanding educators. Title: **1 CCR 301-15, -37 - Administration of Teacher Certification Act and Educator Licensing Act** Source: *StateNet*
DE	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Clarifies who is required to undergo criminal background checks for school district employment. Streamlines and clarifies procedures for conducting and transferring criminal background checks. Allows school districts to use funds other than state funds to pay for criminal background checks. Title: **SB 77 - Criminal Background Checks for Teachers** Author: Sokola Source: *StateNet*
ID	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Provides that teachers' experience credits will transfer among districts. Title: **SB 1418 - Teachers' Experience Credits Will Transfer** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
ID	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Provides criminal history background checks for school district employees and applicants for certification. Title: **HB 771 - Criminal History Background Checks for School Employees** Author: Committee on Education Source: *StateNet*
KY	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Creates alternative certification process for persons who have had five years teaching experience at postsecondary education institution. Title: **HB 194 - Alternative Certification** Author: Treesh Source: *StateNet*
ME	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Amends specific criteria under which teacher, education specialist or administrator may seek certification waiver from commissioner of education. Title: **SB 353 - Certification Waivers for Teachers and Education Specialists** Author: Small Source: *StateNet*

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ME	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Authorizes commissioner of education and state school superintendent to conduct record checks of criminal and investigative information on applicants for employment, certification or recertification in positions directly or indirectly in contact with children. Title: **HB 617 - Record Checks of Employees** Author: O'Neal Source: *StateNet*
MI	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Permits school districts to request FBI criminal records check for certain educators. Title: **HB 4532 - Criminal Records Check for Educators** Author: London Source: *StateNet*
MI	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Permits suspension of teacher certificate upon commission of any felony. Title: **HB 4533 - Suspension of Teacher Certificate** Author: London Source: *StateNet*
NC	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Authorizes criminal record checks of public school employees. Title: **SB 223 - Criminal Checks** Author: Sytek Source: *StateNet*
NE	BOARD POLICY Passed 8 95	Concerns regulations for approval of teacher education programs, issuance of certificates and permits to teach, counsel, supervise and administer in state schools. Also deals with regulations for basic skills competency testing of teachers and administrators and provides State Board of Education with authority to deny certification to applicants convicted of misdemeanors involving abuse, neglect or injury to any person or any other conviction involving moral turpitude. Title: **92NAC 20, 21, 22 - Approval of Teacher Education Programs, Issuance of Certificates and Permits to Teach, Counsel, Supervise and Administer** Source: *StateNet*
OK	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 5 95	Broadens eligibility for alternative teaching certification; spells out provisions, requirements in detail. Title: **HB 1331 - Alternative Teaching Certification (6-122.3)** Author: Boyd Source: *StateNet*
SD	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Allow employment of noncertified teachers who have at least three years of related experience, so long as they do not constitute more than 15% of staff. Title: **HB 1126 - Teacher Certification** Source: State & Local Government Affairs Program, State & Local Reaction
VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Requires local school boards and governing boards of private schools, as condition of employment, fingerprinting and information from National Central Criminal Records Exchange for persons who are offered or accept employment, whether on temporary, permanent, part- or full-time basis. Includes information on manslaughter, rape and felonious assaults. Applicant or board may be required to pay for such records. Became law without governor's signature. Title: **SB 460 - Criminal Record Check for School Personnel** Author: Benedetti Source: *StateNet*

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VT	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Proposes that, in order to receive elementary-school teaching license, person must successfully complete two courses each in math and science competency. To maintain K-12 math or science teaching license, person must successfully complete continuing education classes in mathematics and laboratory science for at least 40 hours each every two years. Title: **SB 335 - Teacher Licensure** Author: Illuzzi Source: *StateNet*
WA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Establishes alternate certificate to allow eligible persons to teach under guidance and supervision of school district and to qualify for initial teacher certification upon satisfactory completion of two years full-time teaching. Title: **HB 2504 - Teacher Certification** Author: McMahan Source: State & Local Government Affairs Program, State & Local Reaction
WA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 5 95	Authorizes Board of Education to require teacher certification candidates to pass individual assessment before being granted initial or residency certificate. Title: **SB 5537 - Teacher Certification Assessment** Author: McAuliffe Source: *StateNet*
WA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Requires school employees with regularly scheduled unsupervised access to children to undergo record checks. Makes appropriation for such purposes. Title: **SB 6272 - School Personnel Record Check** Author: McAuliffe Source: *StateNet*
WY	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Relates to school employee criminal background checks. Title: **SB 68 - School Employee Criminal Background Check** Author: Twiford Source: *StateNet*
TEACHER COMPENSATION		
AL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Provides 4% cost-of-living adjustment for certain public education employees, beginning 1996-97 fiscal year and 3% adjustments beginning 1997-98 fiscal year. Requires revision of state salary matrix for certificated personnel and adjustments for fiscal years 1996-97 and 1997-98 and thereafter. Title: **SB 282 - Teacher Salaries** Author: Sanders Source: *StateNet*
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires Department of Education to adopt extraordinary performance pay plan for elementary and secondary public school teachers who demonstrate exemplary teaching performance. Appropriates funds. Title: **SB 3144 - Performance Pay for Teachers** Author: Liu Source: *StateNet*

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HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Requests development of incentive and merit pay plan for outstanding teachers. Title: **HCR 141 - Incentive Plan for Teachers** Author: Stegmaier Source: *StateNet*
MS	LEGIS./CODE Killed 1 96	Establishes performance pay plan for certified teachers. Prescribes standards for performance levels of teaching certificates to be administered by Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Development. Provides for payment of salary supplements for outstanding performance by teachers and for implementation of performance pay plan for presently certified teachers and prospective teachers. Title: **HB 570 - Performance Pay Plan for Certified Teachers** Author: Cameron Source: *StateNet*
NM	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Relates to compensating public school teachers for achieving National Board Certification. Title: **HB 121 - Compensating Teachers for Achieving National Board Certification** Author: Stewart Source: *StateNet*
TX	BOARD POLICY Passed 1 96	Repeals code sections concerning requirements for years of service for salary increment purposes and salary schedules. Title: **Schedule 19 TAC 121.31-121.35, 121.41, 121.42 - Public School Finance - Personnel/Years of Service/Salary Increments** Author: Education Agency Source: *StateNet*
UT	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Provides for establishment of pay-for-performance program for rewarding group productivity in public schools. Also provides for development of performance criteria to evaluate proposals and process for award distribution. Title: **SB 113 - Pay for Performance** Author: Peterson Source: *StateNet*
WI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Authorizes school boards to establish performance recognition plan that annually allocates at least 2% of district's payroll, excluding cost of fringe benefits, for performance recognition awards to school district employees. School board not required to bargain collectively concerning any decision to create such plan or amount of any award made under such plan. Title: **AB 474 - School Employee Performance Recognition Plans** Author: Coleman Source: Wisconsin Association of School Boards, *Legislative Alert*, February 17, 1996
WV	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Increases salaries of classroom teachers and school service personnel. Title: **SB 590 - Teacher Salaries** Author: Committee on Finance Source: *StateNet*

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TEACHER CONTRACTS		
AK	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Modifies teacher evaluation, teacher tenure, teacher continuing employment status, teacher layoff and rehire rights, and rights of teachers to obtain review of decisions of non-retention or dismissal. Also modifies public access to certain information on, and public participation in, public school collective bargaining. Title: **HB 398 - Teacher Rights** Author: Committee on House Rules Source: *StateNet*
AZ	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Repeals requirement for teacher under inadequate performance notice to be given summer vacation period for additional education. Strikes limit of six years on time during which school board may require increased levels of performance. Directs board to decide in closed session whether to hold hearing on firing or suspension for more than 10 days without pay. Allows board to designate hearing officer to hold hearing. Title: **SB 1230 - Teacher Contracts** Author: Huppenthal Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 8 95	Eliminates incompetency as one of enumerated causes for dismissal of permanent employee. Provides that permanent employee may be terminated for unsatisfactory performance. Title: **AB 729 - Dismissal of Permanent Employees** Author: Davis Source: *StateNet*
CT	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	Increases time it takes teachers to attain tenure and reduces maximum time that tenured teacher termination proceedings can take. Imposes restrictions on termination proceedings for nontenured teachers, strengthens teacher evaluation requirements, and repeals requirement that special acts regarding teacher dismissal or employment prevail over statutory requirements. Title: **PA 95-58, SSB 368 - Teacher Evaluations, Tenure and Dismissal** Source: Connecticut General Assembly
IL	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 8 95	Exempts school districts from requirement of appropriating amounts sufficient to provide for contributions to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. Authorizes districts to levy tax in amount reasonably calculated at time of levy to provide for pension contributions required for fiscal years for which levy revenues will be received and all amounts due for contributions for previous years. Authorizes one-year early retirement program for certain municipal employees. Title: **HB 413 - Teacher Contracts/Benefits** Source: Illinois State Board of Education, *The Legislature and the Schools*, August 1995
KS	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Provides for members in school employment who are subject to continuing contract law to be paid in not less than 12 substantially equal installments, at least once each month commencing in September of each school year. Employers may adopt similar policy for staff who are not subject to continuing contract law. Copy of such policy shall be provided to each member in school employment. Title: **SB 521 - Contractual Compensation** Author: Moran Source: *StateNet*

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ME	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 7 95	States that education funds appropriated under School Finance Act of 1985 are not considered "public grants" for purposes of determining whether state shall pay employer's portion of teachers' retirement costs. Also calls for adult education teachers to be treated same as other public school teachers in regard to employer's share of retirement costs. Requires all part-time adult education teachers to participate in Maine State Retirement System. Title: **SB 214 - Teacher Contracts** Author: McCormick Source: *StateNet*
ME	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 5 95	States that teacher, school employee or school official is guilty of sexual abuse of minor if that person engages in sexual act with minor enrolled in institution that employs teacher, school employee or school official. Title: **HB 616 - Sexual Abuse in Teacher-Student Relationship** Author: O'Neal Source: *StateNet*
MN	LEGIS./CODE Killed 96	Modifies teacher continuing contracts and termination. Provides for performance-based compensation aid, revised procedures for bargaining between school boards and teachers, and time for teacher layoff notice. Title: **HB 2117 - Expanding Charter School Laws, Establishing a Statewide Education Information System, Modifying Teacher Contracts and Collective Bargaining** Author: Office of Education Excellence-Reform Source: *StateNet*
PA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Grants tenure to professional employees and provides causes for termination of professional contracts and rating of professional employees. Title: **SB 708 - Tenure for Professional Employees Act No. 16 of 1996** Author: Hart
RI	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 8 95	Clarifies right of teachers to arbitrate all disputes concerning terms and conditions of employment. Governor's veto overridden by senate. Title: **SB 946 - Teachers' Contracts** Author: Goodwin Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Creates "Alternative Hearing Procedures Act of 1996," which allows teachers given notice of dismissal charges to request hearing before arbitrator. Such request must be written and received by superintendent within 20 days after teacher receives written notice of charges. Title: **SB 2324 - Alternative Hearing Procedures Act of 1996** Author: Dixon Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Directs school boards to adopt policies and practices designed to promote employment and retention of highest-quality instructional personnel. Title: **HB 327 - Quality Personnel** Author: Hamilton Source: *StateNet*

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VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Clarifies that for purposes of teacher dismissal, term "incompetency" shall include performance documented through evaluation to be consistently less than satisfactory or which fails to meet standards set for position. Became law without governor's signature. Title: **HB 325 - Teacher "Incompetency"** Author: Hamilton Source: *StateNet*
WA	LEGIS./CODE Vetoed 3 96	Modified requirements concerning nonrenewal of contracts for certificated employees. Line item vetoed by governor. Title: **HB 2310 - Nonrenewal of Contracts for Certificated Employees** Author: Brumstick Source: *StateNet*
WI	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 12 95	States that Milwaukee County and Milwaukee Public Schools teacher tenure laws do not apply after December 21, 1995. Any person whose employment was permanent under those laws on effective date retains all rights and privileges of such permanent employment after that date. Title: **SB 37 - Tenure 1995 (1995 Wisconsin Act 111)** Source: Wisconsin Association of School Boards
TEACHER EVALUATION		
AZ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Replaces requirement for annual school board evaluation of teacher performance by allowing any school board to opt out of evaluation program by voting, in fall 1996, not to participate. Title: **SB 1175 - Teacher Performance Evaluation** Author: Huppenthal Source: *StateNet*
LA	BOARD POLICY Passed 7 95	Relates to Teacher Assessment Program for 1994-95 school year: includes grievance procedure and sets forth program philosophy, purposes and timelines. Title: **LAC 28:I.917 Bulletin 1943 - Teacher Assessment Program** Source: *StateNet*
MS	BOARD POLICY Passed 1 96	Revises Personnel Appraisal System to include addition of peer to evaluation team. States scoring process should include two passing scores and eliminates need for passing score from external evaluator. Eliminates use of provisional process to assess career educators. States school districts will develop personnel appraisal plan for career educators using their own indicators. Title: **Personnel Appraisal System Scoring Process** Source: *StateNet*
TEACHER PROFESSION/STANDARDS		
HI	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Establishes nine-member Teacher Standard Board within Department of Education charged with responsibility to formulate teacher licensing and credentialing. Requires state board to administer licensing and credentialing, including issuing, suspending, revoking and reinstating licenses and credentials. Requires status report to legislature; appropriates for start-up costs. Title: **SB 1298 - Establishment of Teacher Standard Board** Author: Chumbley Source: *StateNet*

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IA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 95	Requires teaching profession to be equipped to use technology to personalize instruction, develop new ways for teaching and create opportunities for more rigorous professional development. Governor Terry E. Branstad recommends: encourage teachers 59 and older to retire, with state sharing cost of health insurance; increase minimum salary to $20,000 to attract new teachers; prepare teachers to learn new skills and improve their teaching by providing professional development in education technology; encourage school districts to use school improvement/technology fund to link to Iowa Communications Network; help K-12 teachers become certified through National Board of Professional Teaching Standards by creating incentive matching grant fund; and help enhance public accountability by redesigning area education agencies. Title: **Strengthening and Improving Teaching Profession** Author: Branstad Source: Office of the Governor
KY	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Requires one appointee representing deans of colleges on the Education Profession Standards Board to represent private colleges or universities offering approved teacher preparation program. Title: **HB 233 - Education Professional Standards Board** Author: Coleman Source: *StateNet*
MD	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Transfers full authority over teacher certification to Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board. Authorizes state schools superintendent to waive specified requirements for teacher certificate. Title: **HB 87 - Teacher Certification** Source: State & Local Government Affairs Program, State & Local Reaction
OK	BOARD POLICY Passed 10 95	Updates rules to reflect legislative repeal of Educational Professional Standards Board and its responsibilities to advise State Board of Education. Establishes Residency Program as replacement to Entry-Year Assistance Program. Title: **OAC 210:20-11-1, 20-11-2, 20-11-5, 20-11-6 - Professional Teacher Standards** Source: *StateNet*
OK	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Repeals sections relating to certain teacher certification and licensure provisions, professional standards board, inservice teacher education programs, teacher qualifications, screening of college applicants, licensure and certification, entry-year assistance program, staff development, persons subject to licensure and certification, cooperative programs, curriculum examinations, emergency certification and public filing of certification. Title: **HB 1549 - Teacher Certification** Author: McCorkell Source: *StateNet*
RI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 5 95	Supports efforts of Rhode Island educators to participate in National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Urges universities and colleges, teachers, school committees, administrators and Department of Education to work cooperatively to support teachers. Title: **HB 6147 - National Board for Professional Teaching Standards** Author: Crowley Source: *StateNet*

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TEACHER RECRUITMENT		
VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Establishes Minorities in Teaching Program to increase number of minorities pursuing careers in teaching. Makes program administered cooperatively by Board of Education and State Council of Higher Education. Requires program to be developed and implemented by July 1, 1997. Provides activities that help students enter teaching profession, including mentorships and links between schools and higher education. Allows for pilot programs. Title: **HB 1331 - Minorities in Teaching Program** Author: Christian Source: *StateNet*
TEACHER STAFF DEVELOPMENT/INSERVICE		
CA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Authorizes school to conduct staff development programs for teachers during any noninstructional day. Grants $150 per participating teacher per noninstructional day. Requires schools, for each noninstructional day used for this purpose, to reduce by one day the number of days per year permitted for staff development programs under school-based program coordination plan, school development plan, special education program or as part of application to develop or implement school improvement plan. Program implementation dependent on appropriation of funds. Title: **AB 245 - Staff Development** Author: Alpert Source: Association of California School Administrators, *Sacramento Education Legislative Letter*, March 25, 1996
ME	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Directs Department of Education to facilitate development of integrated and coordinated staff-development program for all school personnel. Specifies plan is intended to maximize use of staff workshop days. Provides for plan to be financed through existing funds. Provides continuing education unit requirements for participants. Title: **HB 1053 - Staff Development** Author: Winn Source: *StateNet*
NY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 4 96	Implements high standards and assessment practices in elementary, middle and secondary schools through planning for staff development and appropriations. Title: **SB 7119 - Standards and Assessment Through Staff Development** Author: Cook Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 5 95	Allows schools to use excess accumulated instructional time to dismiss students for faculty professional development. Title: **HB 1234/SB 1697 - Faculty Development** Author: Davidson Source: *StateNet*
TECHNOLOGY		
AL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Provides tax credit for taxpayers who donate high-technology equipment to public schools. Title: **HB 71 - Tax Credit for Technology** Author: Gaston Source: *StateNet*

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AL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Provides for Alabama Commission on Higher Education, in conjunction with State Board of Education, to establish technology pilot program for computer-based teaching of Algebra I and other academic discipline subjects and courses in public schools. Appropriates for purchase of computer equipment, including computer programs, teacher training, and evaluation of pilot program. Title: **SB 257 - Computer-Based Teaching** Author: Ghee Source: *StateNet*
CA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 10 95	Distributes $35 million for education technology needs in public schools. Allocates $17.5 million from fine money received by Public Utilities Commission to the Education Technology Trust Fund, $12.5 million going to technology implementation grants and $5.2 million to staff development grants. One purpose is to provide every learner access to education technology, including those with exceptional needs. Title: **AB 1302 - Technology** Source: Association of California School Administrators, *Sacramento Education Legislative Letter*, October 2, 1995
CA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Authorizes distribution of $35 million to schools for education technology programs. AB 1519 is a companion bill to AB 1302. AB 1519 allocates additional $17.5 million to fund. Title: **AB 1519 - Governor Signs Second Technology Bill** Source: Association of California School Administrators, *Sacramento Education Legislative Letter*, February 19, 1996
CO	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Establishes technology learning grant and revolving loan program to provide funding for proposals to develop distance and technology-assisted learning programs for K-12 schools, higher education institutions and public libraries. Establishes state voice video and data network to connect K-12 schools, public libraries and institutions of higher education. Title: **HB 1089 - Technology Learning Grants** Author: Foster Source: Colorado Association of School Boards, *Billboard*, January 12, 1996
CO	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Provides 2% inflation increase in school funding. Sets procedure for development of technology utilization plan. Creates education technology reserve fund to pay for equipment to implement technology utilization plan. Provides for establishment of alternative schools to serve students who have been expelled. Title: **SB 73 - Technology Incentives** Author: Thiebaut Source: Colorado Association of School Boards, *Billboard*, January 12, 1996
CO	LEGIS./CODE Killed 5 96	Declares importance of helping children develop high-technology skills. Creates corporate income tax credit for 50% of value of any high-technology property donated to school district with technology plan or to institution of higher education. Prohibits exemption for high-technology property donated to district that has not adopted technology plan. Title: **HB 96-1095 - Technology Skills for Children and Tax Credits** Author: Sullivant Source: *StateNet*, Colorado Association of School Boards, *Billboard*, May 10, 1996

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DE	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	Implements certain legislative recommendations from the Educational Technology Committee. Establishes Delaware Center for Educational Technology to create modern educational technology infrastructure in public schools. Title: **HB 79 - Technology in Schools** Author: Petrilli Source: *StateNet*
FL	LEGIS./CODE Killed 2 96	Creates Florida Education Technology Foundation to receive interest from investments and provide schools, community colleges and universities with funding for computers, computer technology, computer education training and scholarships in business-related fields. Title: **HB 1449 - Florida Education Technology Foundation** Author: Gay Source: *StateNet*
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires $20 million to be appropriated and expended from state education facilities improvement special fund to provide all public schools with necessary infrastructure to use data, voice and video technology, beginning July 1, 1996, until June 30, 1997. Title: **HB 3071 - Special Fund To Be Appropriated for All Public Schools to Have Modern Technology** Author: Takai Source: *StateNet*
IA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 95	Recommends $15 million appropriation for school improvement/technology program for each of next four years, accumulating to $60 million in fiscal year 2000 and remaining at that level after that. To be apportioned on per-pupil basis, with guaranteed minimum amount to be distributed to every school district to help complete fiberoptic network and make state-of-the-art technology available in every Iowa classroom. Title: **School Improvement/Technology Program** Author: Branstad Source: Office of the Governor
IN	PROGRAM Active 2 96	Creates 15-20 community networks and provides Internet access to K-12 schools through state investments and Ameritech commitments. Waives charges for fiberoptic installation to schools (normally $3,000-$10,000 per school) and provides schools with special usage rates. Independent, not-for-profit corporation has been established to formulate detailed plan for distance learning. Title: **The Superhighway in Indiana** Source: Wisconsin Association of School Boards, "Are Wisconsin's Schools Stuck in the Slow Lane?" Appendix 1
KS	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Imposes excise tax on rental of videocassette recordings, with technology grants to be awarded to school districts. Title: **SB 486 - Technology Grants to be Awarded to School Districts** Source: *StateNet*

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KY	PROGRAM Active 2 96	Connects every school to Information Highway. 100% of districts have direct, free Internet access and all schools have at least 1-800# dial-in access capability. Also provides districts and schools with unlimited right to use Netscape at no cost to browse the Internet and access to discounted telecommunications line rates. Invests approximately $9 million in professional development and instructional support so teachers know how to use instructional technology to enhance learning. Title: **The Superhighway in Kentucky** Source: Wisconsin Association of School Boards, "Are Wisconsin's Schools Stuck in the Slow Lane?" Appendix 1
KY	BOARD POLICY Passed 3 96	Requires development of master plan for education technology to outline commonwealth activities related to purchase, development and use of technology. Stipulates that local public school district may participate in education technology funding program based on unmet technology needs in district technology plans. Title: **701 KAR 5:110 - Use of Local Monies to Reduce Unmet Technology Need** Source: *StateNet*
MA	PROGRAM Active 2 96	Projects expenditure of about $730 million to establish statewide data network and to enhance distance learning capabilities. One-third of funding will come from federal funds, one-third from state coffers and final third from local districts. Title: **The Superhighway in Massachusetts** Source: Wisconsin Association of School Boards, "Are Wisconsin's Schools Stuck in the Slow Lane?" Appendix 1
MO	PROGRAM Active 2 96	Levies one-cent tax on all videotapes, laser discs and CD's to help build education infrastructure. Title: **The Superhighway in Missouri** Source: Wisconsin Association of School Boards, "Are Wisconsin's Schools Stuck in the Slow Lane?" Appendix 1
NJ	GOV'S PROPOSAL Proposed 1 96	Provides for establishment of statewide distance learning system for public schools. Title: **AB 808 - Statewide Distance Learning System for Public Schools** Author: Farragher and Rocco Source: *StateNet*
NM	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Changes provisions of Technology for Education Act to include accredited private schools. Title: **HB 690 - Technology Changes in Education Act** Author: Gubbels Source: *StateNet*
NM	LEGIS./CODE Pending 2 96	Authorizes school districts to incur debt for acquiring education technology equipment through lease-purchase arrangements without having to get voter approval. Title: **SJR 1 - Finances for Technology** Author: Riley Source: *StateNet*

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NY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Establishes demonstration program to solicit and encourage New York State businesses to donate used computer hardware, software and related equipment to schools. Authorizes Department of Education to seek donations of such hardware, software and related equipment from public sources as well. Title: **AB 9793 - Donating Used Computer Equipment** Author: Tocci Source: *StateNet*
NY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 4 96	Provides long-term capital funding for technology, financing plan to provide equitable access to all state's educational resources, comprehensive training and basis for establishing public/private partnerships for distributing resources equitably and saving money. Title: **SB 6974 - Omnibus Technology in Education Act** Author: Cook Source: *StateNet*
PA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Provides for technology education in public school districts. Creates Technology and Education Fund. Title: **HB 2429 - Technology Education** Author: Veon Source: *StateNet*
RI	PROGRAM Active 3 96	Establishes committee on issues related to role of higher education in state's telecommunications infrastructure. Includes representatives from higher education, elementary and secondary education, government agencies, business and industry, arts and cultural institutions, and libraries. Responsibilities of such External Committee on Telecommunications and Higher Education include: identification of key policy issues on the programmatic and technical aspects of telecommunications infrastructure; development of guidelines on technical parameters to connect relevant information networks and services; formulation of recommendations and draft policies and/or guidelines for consideration by Board of Governors; exploration of possible means for establishing sustained public and private partnerships, both statewide and regionally, to support system and secure long-term funding necessary to design, implement and maintain higher education telecommunications infrastructure; presentation of semi-annual progress reports to Board of Governors. Title: **External Committee on Telecommunications in Higher Education** Source: Rhode Island Office of Higher Education, March 15, 1995
TN	PROGRAM Active 2 96	Appropriates $69.9 million for classroom technology and additional $11.2 million for administrative technology. Bulk of money, $53.9 million, will help equip almost 3,500 classrooms with instructional technology. Other funds appropriated for classroom technology and other projects, including Library Telecommunications Program, which establishes Internet connections in all school libraries and media centers and provides training for librarians on how to use Internet for research. Title: **The Superhighway in Tennessee** Source: Wisconsin Association of School Boards, "Are Wisconsin's Schools Stuck in the Slow Lane?" Appendix 1

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TX	PROGRAM Active 2 96	Provides schools with access to Internet and other telecommunications services at preferential rates. In exchange for deregulation, requires state's telephone, cable and cellular communications companies to contribute $150 million per year to fund that will be used to wire public and private schools, libraries and other public benefit institutions for telecommunications access. Title: **The Superhighway in Texas** Source: Wisconsin Association of School Boards, "Are Wisconsin's Schools Stuck in the Slow Lane?" Appendix 1
US	LEGIS./CODE Passed 8 95	Guarantees schools and some nonprofit groups access to telecommunications networks at low rates. Includes provisions designed to limit children's on-line access to indecent material and requires new television sets to be equipped with chips that can block programs objectionable to parents. Title: **HR 1555, S 652 - Telecommunications, School Technology** Source: "Status of Federal Legislation," *Education Week*, January 10, 1996
UT	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 2 96	Allows school districts greater flexibility in amount of state education technology monies spent for inservice training. Title: **HB 75 - Flexibility with Technology Money** Author: Evan Source: *StateNet*
VA	RESOLUTION Proposed 7 95	Recommends six-year technology plan, including (1) upgrade and retrofit schools, (2) assist schools in developing integrated voice, video and data connectivity to local, national and international resources, (3) retrofit existing VSEN downlinks and expand distance learning opportunities to all K-12 schools, (4) provide additional network-ready microcomputers for labs and/or classrooms, (5) help schools achieve 5:1 ratio of network-ready microcomputers, (6) help schools acquire graphing calculators and relevant scientific probes/sensors, (7) enable schools to provide students with educational technology for home use, (8) provide assistive devices for disabled students to use computers and other learning technologies in classrooms, labs and library media centers, (9) promote specialized training for technology designee in each schools and study technology competencies and endorsement requirements, (10) provide training and professional development on available technologies and software across all levels and positions, (11) complete administrative initiatives begun in Department of Education's Educational Technology Plan for 1988-94 and (12) continually evaluate impact of technology in schools to determine which technologies provide most benefit to student achievement. Title: **Six-Year Educational Technology Plan** Source: Department of Education
VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 1 96	Directs State Council of Higher Education to establish, from funds appropriated for this purpose, institutes to provide technology training for teachers and administrators in elementary and secondary schools. Title: **HB 1097 - Technology Training for Teachers and Administrators** Author: Plum Source: *StateNet*

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VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Modifies statutory provisions relating to educational technology initiative. Authorizes use of such funds to implement local school division's long-range technology plan, at school board discretion, if local plan meets or exceeds goals and standards of Board of Education's revised six-year technology plan and has been approved by superintendent of public instruction. Title: **HB 512 - Educational Technology Initiative** Author: Van Landingham Source: *StateNet*
WA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 1 96	Finds that, in order to facilitate lifelong learning, educational technology systems must be coordinated among all education sectors, with other entities of federal, state and local government, and be readily accessible to general population. Establishes higher education technology advisory committee to work in coordination with other state educational technology groups. Title: **SB 6705 - Coordination of Educational Technology Systems** Author: Bauer Source: *StateNet*
TENURE (see TEACHER CONTRACTS)		
TUITION/FEES		
AZ	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Increases maximum allowable tuition school district may charge for pupils from other districts, as calculated under "costs per student count" law, to specific amount if district of residence pays tuition for 750 or fewer pupils to other districts and to specific amount if pupil number is 751-1,000. Makes special provision and caps tuition for high school pupils who live in elementary districts not in high school districts. Title: **SB 1110 - Tuition in School District** Author: Huppenthal Source: *StateNet*
CO	LEGIS./CODE Killed 5 96	Provides that children who receive education services within school district and who reside in certain child-care facilities or group homes as result of placement by court or state agency or certain private placements shall be deemed to reside in district where they receive services. Title: **HB 1130 - Funding for Pupils Who Attend Another District** Author: Allen Source: Colorado Association of School Boards, *Billboard*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Provides for tuition charge to be made if school board determines that nonresident pupil is improperly attending district schools on tuition-free basis. No tuition is to be charged in the case of certain children placed by Department of Children and Family Services with foster parent or other child-care facility, if it is in child's best interest to maintain attendance at former school districts. Establishes hearing process. Title: **HB 3426 - Tuition Fee to Nonresident Pupil** Author: O'Connor Source: *StateNet*

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MD	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Establishes method for prepayment of tuition at public institutions of higher education. Establishes Maryland Higher Education Tuition Trust Fund and Maryland Higher Education Trust Fund Board. Requires board to establish program of prepaid tuition contracts for tuition at public institutions of higher education and specifies requirements for prepaid tuition contracts. Title: **HB 368/SB 8 - Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Program** Author: Mossburg/Kasemeyer Source: *StateNet*
MN	LEGIS./CODE Killed 96	Authorizes college savings-bond program through use of state zero coupon general obligation bonds. Title: **SB 2144/HB 2058 - College Savings Program** Author: Murphy Source: *StateNet*
MS	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 1 96	Creates prepaid college tuition program. Title: **SB 2237 - Prepaid Tuition Program** Author: Hewes Source: *StateNet*
NY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Establishes New York State Higher Education Trust Fund Act to be administered by board empowered to enter into advance tuition payment contracts for higher education. Title: **AB 8595 - State Higher Education Trust Fund Act** Author: Hoyt Source: *StateNet*
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION (see WORKFORCE PREPARATION)		
VOUCHERS/TAX CREDITS		
AL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Provides state income tax credit to parents of children who are in grades K-12 in public or private schools. Title: **SB 337 - Vouchers and Credit Against State Income Tax** Author: Adams Source: *StateNet*
AZ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Relates to obtaining direct credit against taxes for tuition paid in K-12 school for children younger than 18 years of age. Title: **HB 2304 - Tax Credits** Author: Knaperek Source: *StateNet*
AZ	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Requires State Board of Education to run "parental choice grant program" making state grants available to parents for their children to attend any public or private school. Title: **SB 1254 - Parental-Choice Grant Program** Author: Huppenthal Source: *StateNet*
CO	LEGIS./CODE Killed 1 96	Concerns financing alternatives for education. Establishes pilot voucher program. Title: **HB 1251 - Pilot Voucher Program** Author: Pfiffner Source: *StateNet*

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FL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Establishes five-year pilot voucher program. Provides for Department of Education to issue vouchers to children eligible for free-lunch or reduced-price lunch programs to be used at schools designated as scholarship schools. Provides requirements under which private school may be designated as scholarship school. Title: **SB 420 - Vouchers** Author: Kirkpatrick Source: *StateNet*
HI	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Provides personal income tax credit for basic education expenses for students who attend private or parochial school. Amends state constitution to abolish prohibition against public funds for students or parents of students attending private, nonprofit institutions of education. Title: **HB 3315 - Income Tax Credit** Author: Hamakawa Source: *StateNet*
IA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Provides income tax credit or education for tuition paid to accredited postsecondary institutions under certain circumstances. Title: **HB 2170 - Tuition Paid Tax Credit** Author: Dinkla and Greiner Source: *StateNet*
IA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Increases nonpublic school tax credit and eliminates tax deduction for amounts paid for tuition and textbooks for nonpublic elementary and secondary schools under state individual income tax. Title: **SB 2467 - Vouchers** Author: Committee on Ways and Means Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Establishes pilot program under which, beginning with 1997-98 school year, parents or guardians of pupils residing within selected geographic region of Chicago school district are entitled to vouchers for payment of qualified education expenses incurred by pupils while enrolled at public or non-home-based, nonpublic elementary or secondary schools located in selected region. Title: **HB 3533 - Educational Choice Act** Author: Roskam Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Creates income tax credit equal to amount donated to After-School Learning Foundation for tutoring programs. Sunsets credit after 10 years. Title: **SB 1652 - Tax Credit for Money Donated to After-School Learning Foundation** Author: Carroll Source: *StateNet*
KY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Establishes voucher program for exceptional pupils to attend private school organized specifically for such pupils. Establishes phase-in period beginning in 1996-97 school year and capped at maximum of 10% of district's prior year average daily attendance beginning in 1998-99 school year. Requires parent or guardian of eligible child to apply to participating school and requires written response accepting or denying admission to pupil within 60 days. Title: **HB 928 - Vouchers for Exceptional Pupils** Author: Northup Source: *StateNet*

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KY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Establishes school voucher program to provide for private-school education of eligible students with tuition payable by state voucher in amount of private school's tuition or $2,000 for elementary and middle school pupils and $2,500 for high school pupils. Provides that no more than 1% in 1996-97, 3% in 1997-98 and 10% in succeeding years of school district enrollment and 65% of private school enrollment be composed of students attending under voucher program. Title: **SB 342 - Voucher Program** Author: Meyer Source: *StateNet*
MA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 95	Establishes education tax credit. Title: **HB 1042 - Voucher Tax Credits** Source: *StateNet*
MD	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Establishes Maryland School Resources Conservation Program as method of allowing parents or guardians to choose public or nonpublic school for their children and receive education assistance to do so. Establishes commission to administer program and issue grants. Establishes method for raising money for the program. Title: **HB 96-969 - Vouchers** Author: Morgan Source: *StateNet*
MN	LEGIS./CODE Killed 96	Proposes funding vouchers for students living in four initial school districts: Minneapolis, St. Paul, Brooklyn Center and one rural district. Includes $15 million for first year to reimburse tuition for estimated 7,000 eligible students from those districts who already attend private schools. All private schools, including religious schools, unaccredited schools and schools run for profit could, but would not have to, accept vouchers. Special education students would trade their right to receive services in public school for special education voucher worth $3,408 or cost of services, whichever is less. Private schools not be required to provide special education services or accept these vouchers. Transportation vouchers release public schools from transportation obligations. Total of vouchers to be cut from each district's state funds year after voucher student leaves district. Title: **HB 2084/SB 1851 - Vouchers** Author: Carlson Source: Minnesota School Boards Association
MN	LEGIS./CODE Killed 96	Provides that any nonpublic school which enrolls student who receives education voucher to pay for tuition costs or fees must comply with all state laws and rules governing public schools. Title: **HB 3152 - Nonpublic Schools Receiving Vouchers** Author: Long Source: *StateNet*
MO	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Provides that, in determining taxpayer's adjusted gross income, taxpayer may subtract from federal adjusted gross income the amount paid to others for each dependent in grades 9-12 for tuition and/or attendance fees, for or on behalf of each dependent in attending secondary school, up to maximum of $2,000 for each dependent. SB 485 states up to maximum of $2,500 per dependent. Title: **SB 480/SB 485 - Tax Credits** Author: Schneider/Wiggins Source: *StateNet*

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MO	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Allows individual income tax deduction for certain qualified education expenses on behalf of taxpayer or any other person or persons to any public, private, parochial or home school. Becomes effective January 1, 1997, and applies to all tax years beginning after December 31, 1996. Title: **HB 1516 - Income Tax Deduction** Author: Loudon Source: *StateNet*
ND	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 95	Directs Legislative Council to study impact of nonpublic schools on state, and feasibility and desirability of offering tax credits or vouchers to parents of nonpublic school children. Title: **SCR 4059 - Voucher Tax Credits** Author: Wanzek Source: *StateNet*
NY	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 3 96	Creates constitutional amendment to allow voucher payments and tuition tax credits relating to religious schools. Title: **AB 9578 - Voucher Payments and Tuition Tax Credits** Author: Guerin Source: *StateNet*
SD	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Provides for special education voucher for parents or guardians of certain students. Title: **HB 1318 - Special Education Voucher** Author: Koskan Source: *StateNet*
UT	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Relates to tax credit for education costs. Title: **HB 494 - Tax Credit for Education Costs** Author: Olsen Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Provides $1,000 credit to individuals between ages of 18 and 65 who obtain high school diploma or equivalency during tax year in which it is obtained, and additional $1,000 credit if individual can document, through employer, that he or she obtained job or promotion as result of obtaining diploma. Provides $1,000 tax credit to employer for each employee allowed to work toward high school diploma or equivalent. Title: **HB 726 - Tax Credit** Author: Kilgore Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Creates individual income tax deduction for tuition payments made by taxpayer to public or private two- or four-year college or university. Title: **SB 473 - Higher Education Tuition Tax Credit** Author: Stolle Source: *StateNet*
VT	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Enables parent to deduct tuition paid to approved public or private school in another school district from local property taxes. Title: **HB 597 - Tax Credits** Author: Pembroke Source: *StateNet*

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WORKFORCE PREPARATION		
CA	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Requires State Department of Education to establish and maintain school-to-career system, based on fundamental principles, including integration of academic, technical and vocational curricula and school-based and work-based learning, articulation between secondary and postsecondary education and training, career guidance, competency- based measures for evaluating pupil progress, certification of skills and program access. Title: **AB 2314 - School-To-Career System** Author: Cortese Source: *StateNet*
CO	LEGIS./CODE Killed 5 96	Creates income tax credit for employers who participate in school-to-work programs certified by local board of education. Limits credit to amount equal to premium for workers' compensation insurance incurred by employer as result of hiring any high school student participating in program. Title: **SB 115 - School-to-Work Programs** Author: Linkhart Source: Colorado Association of School Boards, *Billboard*, May 10, 1996
FL	LEGIS./CODE Killed 3 96	Relates to student readiness for postsecondary education and the workplace. Provides for end-of-high-school destinations, student progression toward chosen destination, and duties for Department of Education. Title: **SB 2578 - Readiness for Postsecondary Education and the Workplace** Author: Latvala Source: *StateNet*
IL	LEGIS./CODE Vetoed 8 95	Authorizes State Board of Education to establish School-to-Work Teaching and Training Institute under authority of Illinois Human Resource Investment Council. Eliminates responsibilities of state superintendent and other state agencies in this regard. Eliminates provisions establishing new advisory boards. Title: **HB 1267 - School-to-Work Teaching and Training Institute** Source: Illinois State Board of Education, *The Legislature and the Schools*, August 1995
IN	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Creates Indiana statewide school-to-work opportunity system. Establishes at state level school-to-work policy board to govern system, governor's council for school-to-work to advise policy board and school-to-work management team to administer statewide system. Establishes at local level within certain regions a regional school-to-work partnership to design regional school-to-work opportunity system with specific parameters. Title: **HB 1287 - School to Work** Author: Robertson Source: *StateNet*
KY	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Relates to school-to-work transition system and to Workforce Development Cabinet. Confirms executive order creating Office of School-to-Work in cabinet. Establishes elements of school-to-work transition system. Directs secretary of Workforce Development cabinet to appoint executive director and authorizes office to promulgate administrative regulations to establish policy for development and implementation of school-to-work transition. Title: **SB 280 - School to Work** Author: Meyer Source: *StateNet*

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ME	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 6 95	(LD 1627) Changes name of Maine Youth Apprenticeship Program to Maine Career Advantage. Title: **HB 1186 - Maine Career Advantage** Author: Gwadosky Source: *StateNet*
MN	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 96	Passes as part of higher education finance bill. Appropriates $175,000 to Board of Trustees of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities for demonstration project to establish work-skills update program at community college during 1996-97 academic year. Requires program to offer, at no or very low cost, courses with broad application for workers' wishing to improve job skills. Title: **HB 2960/HB 3025, 1996 Laws, Ch. 395 - Demonstration Project for Work Skills** Author: Cooper Source: *StateNet*
MS	LEGIS./CODE Killed 2 96	Provides credit for employers hiring students as part of certain cooperative or school-to- work education programs. Limits amount of such credit. Provides that employer must file certificate of participation with State Tax Commission to be eligible for tax credit. Title: **HB 1656 - School-To-Work Credit for Employers** Author: King Source: *StateNet*
NM	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 2 96	Establishes school-to-work system. Title: **HB 740 - School to Work** Author: Williams Source: *StateNet*
RI	PROGRAM Active 3 96	Provides integrated learning system that provides link between work-based and school-based learning and families, begins with pre-kindergarten, bridges high school and postsecondary schooling, and results in both academic credentials and certification of work-skill competencies for successful transition into workplace. Mission is to ensure all students develop competencies and motivation necessary for employment, and all students are employed and receive ongoing career training. Title: **School-to-Work in Rhode Island** Source: Rhode Island Department of Employment and Training
SC	BOARD POLICY Passed 6 95	Requires Board of Education to establish structure for preparing students for employment and lifelong learning which expands upon current tech-prep model to include rigorous curriculum, career counseling, work exploration and experience, and work-based learning. Title: **SCAC 43-225 - School-to-Work Transition Act Regulations** Source: *StateNet*
TN	LEGIS./CODE Proposed 1 96	Teaches disadvantaged high school students skills necessary to gain employment and perform well in workplace. Title: **SB 2836/HB 2477 - Student Job Skills Development Act of 1996** Author: Dixon Source: *StateNet*

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VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 4 96	Transfers responsibility for administering apprenticeship programs offered by public institutions of higher education and local school boards from Apprenticeship Council to Board for the Virginia Community College System. Requires Board to establish policies for governing programs. Title: **HB 471 - Apprenticeship Programs** Author: Orrock Source: *StateNet*
VA	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Establishes School-to-Work Transition Grants Program to be administered by Board of Education and School-to-Work Transition Fund, special nonreverting fund within Department of Treasury. Requires funds to be dispersed on competitive basis to public schools. Requires Department of Ministry to administer and manage fund and to fund model programs supporting transition programs. Establishes criteria for making grants. Title: **HB 1193 - School-to-Work Transition Grants Program** Author: Hamilton Source: *StateNet*
WV	LEGIS./CODE Enacted 3 96	Eliminates general studies track for high school students and gears secondary education toward college prep or vocational training. Will implement computers in grades 7-12. Title: **SB 300 - Jobs Through Education** Author: Tomblin Source: West Virginia Department of Education

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